



ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 7 2025
The Second Sunday of Advent
10am Holy Communion
Trinity Anglican Church

Welcome to Trinity! Thanks for joining us this morning. A special welcome to students at Carleton, UOttawa, Algonquin and other schools, colleges and universities, and to all those joining us today for the first time.

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www.trinityottawa.ca/booklets, Our wifi is Trinity Church, password 1230BankStreet.

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At certain points in the service we will suggest standing or sitting. At any time, please feel free to take the posture (standing, sitting, kneeling) which is right for you.

Prelude: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
[Savior of the nations, come]

We Gather as a Community

Territorial Acknowledgment

As we gather, we acknowledge that Ottawa stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinabeg people.

May we dwell on this land with gratitude and respect.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Opening Hymn: #103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

Peace: The Second Advent Candle

Reader 1: Today is the second Sunday in Advent. Along with the prophets and people through the ages, we dream of a world of peace and justice. We share John the Baptizer's dream of making crooked paths straight, of making a smooth highway broad enough for all God's people to move on together in peace and harmony.

Reader 2: Our actions can help build that highway. God's dream can become our dream. Last week we lit the first Advent candle, reminding us to hope while we wait.

(The first candle is lit)

Reader 1: The flame of this second candle reminds us that God's dreams can become real and burn brightly in our world

(The second candle is lit)

All: Loving God, give us the desire, the willingness, and the courage to be part of your dream for a world of peace and justice. We pray in the name of Jesus, your dream come true. Amen.

There's a Song

There's a song of hope in my heart

Hope is a gift from Jesus,

There's a song of hope in my heart,

Hope is a gift from God
Alleluia, Hope in my heart is singing praises,
Alleluia, Hope is a gift from God.

There's a song of peace in my heart
Peace is a gift from Jesus,
There's a song of peace in my heart,
Peace is a gift from God
Alleluia, Peace in my heart is singing praises,
Alleluia, Peace is a gift from God.

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

We pray silently

Almighty God,
**who sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
we may stand with confidence before his glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

We Proclaim the Word

The First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see

or decide by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Psalm 72.1-7,18-19

1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
2 that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
3 that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.
4 He shall defend the needy among the people,
rescuing the poor and crushing the oppressor.
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,

from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed.

18 Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel,
for you alone do wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be your glorious name for ever
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen

The Second Reading: Romans 15.4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

The Gospel (Matthew 3.1-12)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ



In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Rev. Mark Whittall

The Apostles Creed

**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 of the People

Heavenly Father, we pray for Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of Canada; Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, as well as Our Diocesan Partners: Kairos Ottawa and Saint Paul University. We pray also for The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and Bishop Carla Blakley.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

We ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare to elect a new bishop. We pray for those discerning a call to let their name stand for election; for the candidates; for Members of Synod; and for our diocesan Administrator, Bishop Michael Bird. We also pray for The Reverend Mark Lewis and the Parish of South Dundas.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Great Spirit, help us to live in harmony with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus. We pray for unity within our families and within the global church.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving Mother, we pray against hunger in our city. We pray for affordable and accessible nutritious food for all. We ask for systemic solutions to this public health issue. Stir the hearts of individuals and organizations to be generous in their donations in the fight against hunger. Provide for our neighbours who are hungry, cold, and brokenhearted. May our efforts to collect food items for the Ottawa Food Bank as well as winter items for Belong Ottawa be fruitful.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Good Father, we pray for peace and justice in all places where there is war including Gaza, Iran, Israel, Myanmar, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, and others where there is violence and war. Draw near to the families who have lost loved ones in the floods in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for healing, comfort, and relief for all of those who are suffering in our parish. We remember especially Margo, Cloe, Keith, Les, Emma, Ilse, Rachel and Cynthia. May they find shelter in the shadow of your wings.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator, let us adore you as we witness your glory and creativity on display with the beautiful winter scenery. Let us meditate on your unfailing love and your beautiful gift of Emmanuel, God with us.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
God welcomes all people and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: #106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

God our strength,
we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: May God 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is indeed right that we should praise you . . .
 ... to proclaim the glory of your name.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy God, source of life and goodness ...
 ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant Recalling his death, . . .
 . . . now and forever.

People Amen.

(please use the words and language of your choice)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion

All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or communion. Our communion ministers will come to you as needed, please let us know. You are welcome to receive communion in one or both kinds, bread and/or wine. Gluten-free wafers are available, let us know if this is your preference. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Anthem: This is the Record of John by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Soloist: Josée Dufault

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou that Prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What say'st thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord.

We Are Sent

Let us pray

We pray silently

Faithful God,
**we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call
to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn: #116 "Your Kingdom Come" - On Bended Knee

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join us for refreshments following our worship at the back of the church. Thank you for worshiping with us today.

**Postlude: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 661 by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
[Savior of the nations, come]**

*Our readings for **The Third Sunday in Advent, Sunday, December 14**: Isaiah 35:1-10;
Canticle Luke 1.47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11*

Announcements:

Christmas Carol Service, Sunday Dec 14, 4pm. Next Sunday is our annual Christmas Carol Service. Join us at 4pm as our Connect music team leads us in Christmas carols and we remember the Christmas story in words and music. Festive refreshments will follow. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbours, and students before they go on their Christmas break.

Music at Trinity: Lessons and Carols Saturday December 20th 4pm. Led by our very own choir, join us for a service of Lessons and Carols based on the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols where one can hear the Advent and Christmas story along with seasonal choral gems and some of your favorite hymns. Freewill offering.

Youth Christmas Cookie Decorating Party: On Sunday December 14th 3pm - 4pm, we will bring the cookies and icing, you bring your creativity! See you in the Canterbury room.

The Pastoral Care Team will be serving the refreshments after the 10am service today, December 7th. Please stop by for a warm drink and a chat.

Sunday School Families: It's not too late. Make sure to pick up your Advent candle kits from Jen or Alexis to celebrate the Advent Season at home!

Bold Voices Choir! presents a concert "of Light and Love" at Trinity Church on Friday December 12th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$22 on Eventbrite and will also be available at the door. Our special guest is Trinity's very own Paul Magura on percussion! Come share the season with music and joy!

Today is the last day for our annual November Giving Campaign. Please make your [2026 Pledge](#) by December 7, 2025. Paper forms are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support and for helping us to renew our ministries and to plan our finances for 2026.

Pause Table food: If you wish to provide food for the Pause Tables at Carleton, please bring it to the church by Sunday, December 7 and leave it in the Canterbury room area, the kitchen and/or fridge, with note saying it is for the Pause Tables. See list at back of church regarding desired food items. Nick, coordinator, 613-851-3682; nickoverduin@gmail.com

Trinity's 150th Anniversary. Our parish was created in 1876, making the year 2026 our 150th anniversary. We are forming a committee to oversee our anniversary celebrations. If you would be interested in helping out, please speak to Rev. Mark or one of our wardens,

Sally, Cliff, Aileen or Travis.

Fill the Foyer: Today is the final day to contribute to the Fill the Foyer Campaign for the Ottawa Food Bank. Forgot? Please see Nancy Bassem or Doreen Barnes for suggestions.

Christmas Memorial Flowers: If you would remember loved ones, family and friends, put your name and theirs on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

You may also email your request to alexis@trinityottawa.ca

If you would like to make a donation to Trinity's flower fund, use an envelope provided or an e-transfer to treasurer@trinityottawa.ca

Prayers of the People: If you would like to add a name to be remembered aloud during our prayers of the people, please forward it to Doreen Barnes mombarn@gmail.com.

Belong Ottawa (Centre 454, The Well, St. Like's Table) is an important community ministry that provides hot meals, laundry, shower and other essential supports for all who walk through their doors including people facing homelessness, living in precarious housing or simply needing a safe place to belong. With the cold weather upon us they are looking for donations of winter supplies for their clients. Please see insert for most needed items. Let's fill the bins at the back of the church!

The need is great - in the last 5 months Belong Ottawa has supported our community in the following ways:

81,621 meals prepared and served

3483 showers provided

3919 loads of laundry completed

4830 respites offered

Weekly YA Bible Studies continue this week.

Wednesdays at 7:30pm, Trinity House, 5 Harvard Avenue

Mid-Week at Trinity:

Monday Prayer Group, noon in the chapel. Contact Myrna myrnarootham@gmail.com for details.

Tuesday Bible Study On Campus, Carleton U Spirituality Centre (T-27) 11am. Contact Rebecca rebecca.cowal@trinityottawa.ca. Resumes in January.

Tuesday YA & Young Family Potluck: 5.30pm in the Canterbury Room. Next in January.

Wednesday 12 noon Bible Study on Zoom. Contact Judy judy.richardson@trinityottawa.ca

Wednesday 7.30pm YA Bible Study. At Trinity House, 5 Harvard Avenue beside the church,
contact rebecca.cowal@trinityottawa.ca

Thursday 7:30pm Choir rehearsal Contact Fabien Tousignant
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Coming Up at Trinity - Save the Dates!

Monday December 8: Pause Table at Carleton U

Sunday December 14: The Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday December 14: Christmas Carol Service, 4pm

Saturday December 20 : Music at Trinity: Lessons and Carols 4pm

Trinity Christmas Services:

4pm Sunday December 14. Christmas Carol Service

4pm Saturday December 20. Music at Trinity: Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve, December 24

4pm Carols & Communion (for children & all ages)

5.30pm Veille de Noël (en français)

8.30pm Candlelight Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day, December 25

10am Christmas Day Eucharist



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