

# **TRINITY EPISCOPAL** CHURCH FREDERICKSBURG,

LOVING AND SERVING ONE ANOTHER SO WE MAY LOVE AND SERVE GOD'S WORLD.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2025 — 10:30 AM

Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right. BCP: Book of Common Prayer,

S or H: Hymnal 1982, L: Lift Every Voice and Sing II

The 10:30 a.m. service is livestreamed on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/trinityfredericksburg.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

#### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Welcome to this Place Orlando Jaurez

**Processional Hymn** Come thou long expected Jesus H-66

The Great Litany **BCP 148** 

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy

mercy preserve us for ever. Spare us, good Lord. From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, *Good Lord, deliver us.* 

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine, *Good Lord, deliver us.* 

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost, *Good Lord, deliver us.* 

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, *Good Lord, deliver us.* 

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.* 

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.* 

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.* 

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us.* 

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us.* 

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

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

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

**BCP 355** 

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly

love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise Together WLP-796

Lyrics: Together, together, in your name we gather. (2x's)

Then we'll have in this world peace and love around us. (2x's)

Together; we're united, we hold hands as we struggle; We walk into the world singing God's song of love. The glory of Jesus will ever shine in splendor.

The whole world will be joyful with love and peace.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

# Collect of the Day

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.** 

Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.

The First Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

Psalm 122— BCP 779

I was glad when they said to me, \*

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing \* within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city \* that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, \* the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment, \* the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls \* and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, \* I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God, \* I will seek to do you good."

The Second Lesson Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Sequence Hymn H-157

The Holy Gospel Standing

Matthew 24:36-44

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Suzanne Hood

The Nicene Creed All stand BCP 358

The Peace All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

**Offertory Sentence** 

Music at the Offertory People get ready C. Mayfield– music, B. Fairfax–lyrics

Hymn at the Presentation

The Doxology Give thanks for life WLP-775

See Insert

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**HOLY COMMUNION** 

Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer B

BCP 367

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord WLP-858

See Insert

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction S-164

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and

feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn Let us break bread H-325

My Lord what a morning L-13

# Post Communion Prayer Standing or kneeling

**BCP 366** 

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living member of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Blessing Standing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Recessional Hymn Marching to Zion L-12

**Recessional** God be with you Thomas Dorsey, L-234

# The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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#### **SERVING US TODAY**

Digital Minister: Cian Gray

Lector: Bruce Davis Eucharistic Minister: Anne Adams Intercessor: Anne Adams Gospel Book: Hayden Bathgate

Acolyte/Crucifer: Samantha Bathgate Prayer Minister: Andrea Marcinkevicius

Parish Shepherd: Mark Cook Ushers: Adrian Smith

#### **TRINITY CLERGY AND STAFF**

Rector: The Rev. Suzanne Hood

**Associate Priest:** The Rev. Bambi Willis **Campus Minister**: The Rev. Ethan Lowery

Minister of Music: Barbara Fairfax

Parish Business Manager: Michele Brantley Parish Office Coordinator: Marvin Stearns

Sunday School Coordinator: Sam Burton Parish Hospitality Manager: BJ Jarvis

#### **TRINITY VESTRY**

Term - 2026: Destine Bradshaw, John Deppel, BJ Jarvis, John Tyler

**Term - 2027:** Val Folden (Senior Warden), Dave Hosaflook (Treasurer), Walt Harrison (Junior Warden)

Term - 2028: Deborah Condren, Harry Dickinson (Registrar) Linda Falter, Sven Rundman

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#### **MISSION**

Our mission is to share Christ's love and grace in a vibrant community whose joyful spirit empowers people to do God's work.

#### CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, November 30

9:15 am: Advent Wreath: How To (Barber Hall)

Tuesday, December 2

10:30 am: Book Group Meeting (Lounge)

1:00 - 2:00 pm: Conversation with Suzanne- our Rector (Lounge)

#### Wednesday, December 3

10:00 am: Knaughty Knitters (Lounge)

12:00 pm: Midweek Eucharist (Sanctuary)

3:30 pm: Blessings in a Backpack (Barber Hall)

7:00 - 8:00 pm: Conversation with Suzanne- our Rector (Barber Hall)

#### Thursday, December 4

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (choir room)

#### Saturday, December 6

3:00 - 6:00 pm: Elf Sunday Set Up (Lounge)

#### Sunday, December 7 (ELF SUNDAY)

9:15 am: Animal Welfare Ministry Meeting (Library)

9:15 am: Sunday School (Jamison Hall)

11:30 am: Daughters of the King Meeting (Lounge)

12:00 pm: Hallelujah KidZ Community Choir Practice (Choir Room)

1:15 pm: Youth Group (Loft)

#### Receiving Communion and One-On-One Prayer

Christ welcomes all to communion. Those Baptized in any Christian tradition are encouraged to receive communion.

- Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. If you wish to intinct, or dip the wafer in the wine, please hold the wafer in such a way that the Eucharistic Minister can intinct it and hand it back to you. Please do not intinct the wafer yourself. Gluten-free wafers are also available by request. Respond to communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. Baptism is offered several times yearly; speak to the priest to learn more.
  - If you wish to pray one-on-one with a Prayer Minister, go to the rear of the sacnturary after receiving communion or a blessing. Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.