

LITTLE † TRINITY

SINCE 1842



Sunday, Nov 30, 2025

ADVENT 1 | Taize Prayer & Praise Evening
6:30pm

Taize-Style Worship

This service includes periods of silence to encourage peaceful communion with God. It is not an attempt to achieve inner silence at all costs by following some 'technique' that creates a kind of emptiness within. Instead, with a childlike trust, we let Christ pray silently within us.

"I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother."

Like the child whose sobs have ceased, held in its mother's arms, we simply 'be' in the presence of God. Prayer does not always need words, maybe not even thoughts.

Sometimes we are apparently silent, and yet great discussions go on within, struggling with imaginary partners or with ourselves. Calming our souls requires a kind of simplicity:

"I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvellous for me."

Silence means recognizing that my worries can't do much. Silence means leaving to God what is beyond my reach and capacity. We acknowledge the thoughts or concerns that come to mind, and then let them go.

Welcome

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

We light this first candle to pray for hope. We pray that the world would know the hope that Jesus brings, both in his coming as a child and the hope of his coming again to make all things new. We pray for all those who feel that their hope has gone. May they find their hope renewed this season.

Lord Jesus Christ, hope of our hearts and hope for the world, come close to us this Advent. Amen.

Worship in Song

Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10

- ¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- ² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him
shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Luke 1:26-33, 46-55

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." [...]

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Hope”

Tim Haughton

Advent Sermon Series: *Pondering with the Prophet*

Musical Response

Prayers

Prayer for the World

All: God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflective Prayer

Musical Response

Prayer for the Church

All: Make us watchful and alert, O Lord our God, that when he comes, your Son Christ our Lord will not find us sleeping in sin or distracted with fears, but awake, strong in faith, active in service, and rejoicing in your praises, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflective Prayer

Musical Response

Prayer for Ourselves

All: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Reflective Prayer

Musical Response

Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Closing Worship

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

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NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 7, 2025

6:30pm - Lent 5 - Lamplighters Worship & Communion Service

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Luke 1:57-80

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in loving memory of Ceci Heinrichs.
(Dec. 14, 1965 - May 15, 1975)
"...And a little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6*

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