

Trinity†St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



Chorale-Prelude: “Savior of the Nations, Come.”

Johann Sebastian Bach

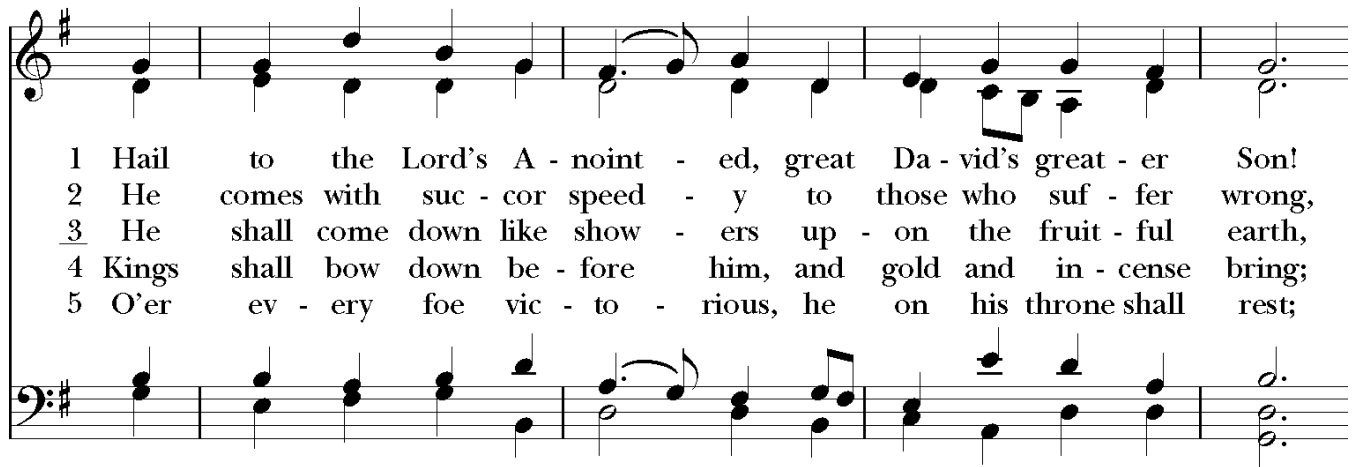
Holy Eucharist

Entrance Rite

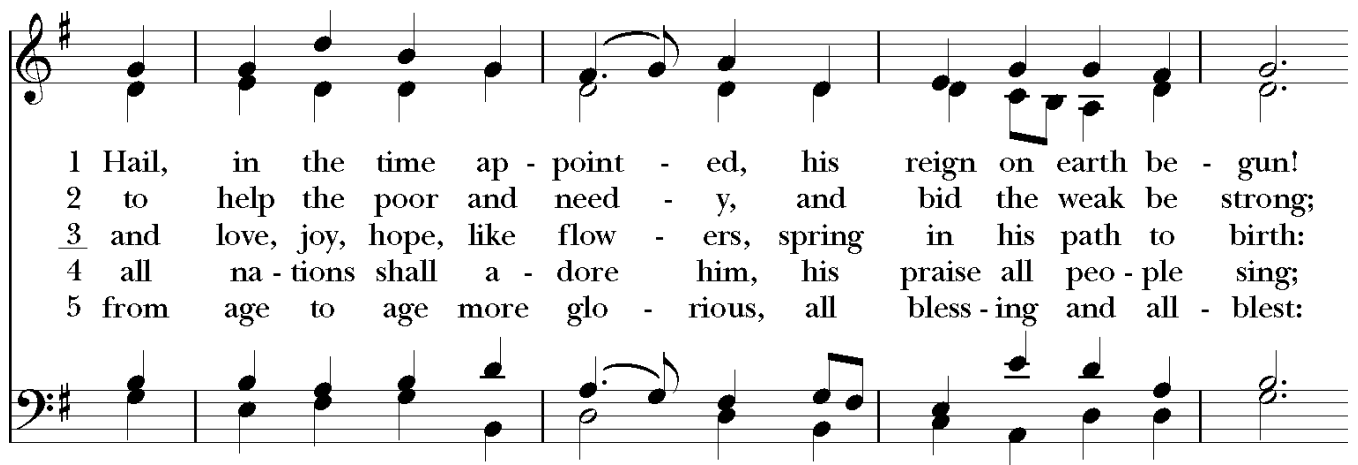
At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able for the beginning of our worship.

Hymn

Hymn 616



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

All remaining standing as are able,

Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Celebrant and People

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.

Trisagion

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
 mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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The Liturgy of the Word

Collect of the Day

Officiant *People* *Officiant*

The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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.

Officiant *People*

A - men.

All sit.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and

Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called:
“The Lord is our righteousness.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
 my God, I put my trust in you; *
 let me not be humiliated,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
 and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
 for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
 remember me according to your love
 and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
 and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
 to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A Reading from the First Book of Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as are able.

Hymn

Hymn 615, verses 1-3

1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
5 when know-ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king-dom's day.
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:25-36

All stand as are able.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 615, verses 4-5 (page 6)

Sermon

Following the Sermon, a tone is rung to signal a period of silence and reflection. At the double tone, the silence ends.

Nicene Creed

All stand as are able.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

All remain standing, as they are able.

Leader As the church worldwide celebrates the beginning of its New Year, let us turn our minds and hearts to the larger community of which we are a part, saying: Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us mercy.

Leader For all peoples of every race, nation and disposition: May your love so embrace us all, that its power overcomes our conflicts, our defenses and our fears. Quicken us to our true nature as your children that we may love one another. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

People *And grant us mercy.*

Leader For all the churches of the world, Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant and Pentecostal: May we grow together in our understanding of mission, that we may be strengthened in unity and united in acts of service. Call us to the one discipleship with its many gifts. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

People *And grant us mercy.*

Leader For all Christian communities, young and growing in Africa, aging and changing in North America: Renew our vision and experience of Christian community as ever birthing, ever transforming, ever young and open to risk, ever old and full of wisdom. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

People *And grant us mercy.*

Leader For those who live in fear and confusion: Whether they be stateless people in refugee camps or settled people hidden behind high fences,

give to the vulnerable strength, and to the secure vulnerability, that our human compassion for one another may end injustice and give our societies a human face. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

People And grant us mercy.

Leader For this community, especially for those who suffer most, for the emotionally and physically ill, for the dying, for those who grieve: May we all, out of our own suffering, give comfort and support. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

People And grant us mercy.

Leader For the larger community around us, especially for the newborn children, the homeless and the imprisoned: May we create a world where shelter, food and medical care are available for all and where the law protects people for a better chance and better choices. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

People And grant us mercy.

Celebrant and People

On this first day of the year, we gather up our prayers and offer them to you, O Lord, knowing full well that there are signs in the sun and moon and stars and in the common events of ordinary life that call us to attend to your coming. Prepare us for the time of trial and for your dominion, coming now and at the close of this age.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel, or remain standing, as they are able.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People:

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 neighbors 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.

Absolution

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

All stand as are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then the Minister and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service, during which the people may be seated.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Bread and Wine are offered at the Altar, and the table is set for the Eucharist. In this set of actions, the whole assembly brings together our food, our spirits, our bodies, our cares, our relationships, and our intentions, in order to present ourselves and our world as completely as possible to God. All of them will be blessed in the Eucharistic action to come, and creation itself will be renewed.

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Anthem: “Advent Carol”

Text by Msgr. John Rothensteiner
Music by Dale Wood

“Drop down dew, O gracious heaven! Let the clouds rain down the Just! Let the earth bud forth the Savior! In thy promise, Lord, we trust.” Thus the patriarchs were crying, when the earth in bondage sighing sought in vain for heaven’s gate. Closed by sin and Satan’s hate.

God the Father in his mercy planned to save our fallen race. Whilst the burden of our sinning God the Son deigned to embrace. God the Spirit gave his token through the Virgin who had spoken: “Lo, thy handmaid, Lord has heard. Work in me thy wondrous word.

Then the Son took man’s frail nature, was made flesh and dwelled on earth. Life and Light with grace abundant He bestowed of priceless worth. Earth, rejoice, exult with gladness, a new Sun dispels our sadness, let us then our voices raise, let us sing our Savior’s praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which the earth has given, and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

People *Blessed be God forever.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine, and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

People *Blessed be God forever.*

Celebrant Pray, my sisters, and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty.

People *May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands to the praise and glory of God's name, to our benefit, and to that of all God's holy Church.*

All stand as are able.

The musical notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It consists of four lines of music. The first line is labeled 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The second line is labeled 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The third line is labeled 'Celebrant'. The fourth line is labeled 'People'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.'

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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The musical notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). It consists of one line of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The people kneel, or remain standing, as they are able. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

Remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Peter, Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Francis, Saint Clare, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father and Mother 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

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

Fraction Anthem

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant says,

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People may be seated; the usher will indicate each row for communion. All who feel called are welcome to receive communion; alternatively, you may cross your arms over your chest if you prefer to receive a blessing.

Hymn

Hymn 332



1 O God, un - seen yet ev - er near, thy pres - ence may we feel;
 2 Here may thy faith - ful peo - ple know the bless - ings of thy love,
 3 We come, o - be - dient to thy word, to feast on heav - en - ly food:
 4 Thus may we all thy word o - bey, for we, O God, are thine;



and thus in - spired with ho - ly fear, be - fore thine al - tar kneel.
 the streams that through the des - ert flow, the man - na from a - bove.
 our meat the Bo - dy of the Lord, our drink his pre - cious Blood.
 and go re - joic - ing on our way, re - newed with strength di - vine.

Hymn

Hymn 712



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis



pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na



no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People, all standing or kneeling as they are able

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our
Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood
of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to
do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Hymn

Hymn 486

1 Ho - san - na to the liv - ing Lord! Ho -
2 Ho - san - na, Lord! thine an - gels cry; Ho -
3 O Sa - vior, with pro - tect - ing care a -
4 But, chief - est, in our cleans - ed breast, E -
5 So in the last and dread - ful day, when

1 san - na to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - at - or,
 2 san - na, Lord! thy saints re - ply; a - bove, be - neath us,
 3 bide in this thy house of prayer, where we as - sem - bled
 4 ter - nal! bid thy Spi - rit rest; and make our se - cret
 5 earth and heaven shall melt a - way, thy flock, re - deemed from

1 Sa - vior, King, let earth, let heaven, ho - san - na sing!
 2 and a - round, both dead and liv - ing swell the sound:
 3 in thy Name, in faith, thy part - ing prom - ise claim.
 4 soul to be a tem - ple pure and wor - thy thee.
 5 sin - ful stain, shall swell the sound of praise a - gain.

Refrain

Ho - san - na, Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Improvisation on “Advent Carol”

Future First Sundays Evensong, at 5:00 p.m., Fall 2024
Today Evensong with the Choir of Trinity†St. Peter's

We're glad you joined us this Sunday! If you'd like to learn more about T+SP, please feel free to contact us using the information below or visit our website: trinity-stpeters.org

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