



Trinity Sunday
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Advocate

Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, we're so glad to have you worship with us today!

Here at the Advocate, we believe in the core principles of compassion, justice, and transformation, which are expressed in the rhythms of our worship. The ancient word for what we do is 'liturgy,' which means 'work,' and it is the work of the Advocate to pray and break Bread together, as our Sunday morning liturgy inspires us to go into the world proclaiming the love of Jesus. We therefore encourage the people gathered to participate fully, by your prayers, your singing, and your presence.

The songs we sing come from the blue *Hymnal 1982*, as well as our Advocate Songbook, which features music from other resources such as *Lift Every Voice and Sing; Wonder, Love, and Praise; Voices Found*; the American shape note tradition; Taizé; St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church; and more. All are used with copyright permission.

Founded at the turn of the century as a mission of the three Orange County Episcopal congregations, the Advocate has been a place of rest and refuge for believers of all sorts. We welcome every expression of the human condition and encourage questions and conversation, as we explore together what it means to be followers of Jesus in an ever changing and confusing world. In 2023 we achieved parish status, and we're excited for this new season in which we're continuing to learn and grow into what it means to be a witness of Christ's love for the wider community.



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We are a people of prayer and action, eager to serve our neighbors near and far. Through intergenerational formation, worship, and fellowship opportunities, we offer a place for anyone and everyone to explore their own faith and find the strength and support of a loving community of seekers.

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here.



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Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

St. Patrick's Breastplate (Hymnal 370)

All stand, as able.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Song of Praise

Glory to God

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;
Glo - ry to God; Praise to the
Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.
Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

Setting: John L. Bell and the Wild Goose Worship Group from *Come All You People*
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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

All are seated.

The First Reading

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

After the Reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

- ¹ **O God our Governor, ***
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- ² **Out of the mouths of infants and children ***
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- ³ **You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, ***
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- ⁴ **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ***
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- ⁵ **What are we that you should be mindful of us? ***
 mere mortals that you should seek us out?
- ⁶ **You have made us but little lower than the angels; ***
 you adorn us with glory and honor;
- ⁷ **You give us mastery over the works of your hands; ***
 you put all things under our feet:
- ⁸ **All sheep and oxen, ***
 even the wild beasts of the field,
- ⁹ **The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, ***
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- ¹⁰ **O God, our Governor, ***
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

After the Reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Holy holy holy (Hymnal 362)

All stand, as able, for the hymn and remain standing for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel is proclaimed:

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as 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,
Begot / ten, 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:
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Vir/gin Mary,
And became / truly human.*

*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 gi/ver 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 apo/stolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive/ness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of /the dead,
and the life of the world to/ come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

The People may add their prayers during the moments of silence. After each petition:

Intercessor Holy Trinity;
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Liturgy of Welcome for Newcomers

Presider Dear friends in Christ: as Trinity of persons our God exists in relationship and calls us to do likewise. By the example of this sacred union, we strive to love one another, to dance with one another, and to build community with one another in relationships that mirror that of our creator, redeemer, and sanctifier.

As the Body of Christ in this place you have opened your arms and your hearts to many new faces in recent years. Some have joined us through the holy waters of baptism, others through the sacramental rites of confirmation and reception, still others by letters signifying their transfer to our community. And yet there are many who, though they have not made such a commitment, have called this community their church home. Today, as we celebrate the solemnity of the Holy Trinity, we welcome all those persons who have joined or wish to join this church body, and who seek to be in relationship with Christ by their relationships with one another. I invite our new brothers and sisters to come forward at this time.

The New Members come forward and are introduced to the Congregation by the Presider.

Presider My sisters and brothers, I introduce you to the people of the Church of the Advocate. Is it your wish to make this community of faith your church family, and the people with whom you will share this journey your brothers and sisters? Is this the place, and are these the people with whom you will seek to make sense of the issues of your life: your dreams, your faith, who you are, and who God is calling you to be?

New Members Yes, it is my wish.

Presider Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in union with this community of faith?

New Members I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you pledge through your time, talent, and treasure to build up the Body of Christ among your parish family?

New Members I will, with God's help

Presider Will all of you who are members of this faith community witnessing these promises share the joys and sorrows of your new brothers and sisters, and do all in your power to support them in their lives in Christ?

Congregation **We will!**

Presider Will you welcome them into this family of the Advocate, embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Will you recognize that their presence and participation will change the shape of this body and help it to grow in new ways? Will you support them in their journeys and assist them in their ministries?

Congregation **Yes! Yes! Yes! We will, with God's help!**

Presider Together, let us pray.

All **Most Holy and Undivided Trinity: as you are knit together in love, so knit us all together to one another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other, to support each other; that by our common life in this community we may come to know and serve you and all our siblings; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider As rector of this parish, I welcome each of you as active members in the body of Christ at the Episcopal Church of the Advocate. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Presider asperges the new members.

Presider And let all God's people say:

All **AMEN!**

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Offertory Procession

All are invited to come forward as we offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God, including yourselves.



Offertory Hymn

Canticle of the Turning (Advocate Songbook 66)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

All stand, as able. Children in the congregation are welcome to come forward.

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 our hanks and praise.

The Presider prays a Proper Preface, then continues.

Presider Therefore we praise you, joining with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Wonder, Love, and Praise 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

heaven and earth__are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in__the high - est.

Blessed is__the One who comes in the name of the Lord.____Ho -

san - na in__the high - est.__Ho - san - na in__the high - est.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

The Presider recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall away from God, and the redemption of the world by Christ. After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:

Presider Therefore we proclaim the Mystery of Faith:
All **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Presider prays that the gifts and people may be sanctified and blessed by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer, the People respond in a loud voice 'AMEN!'

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

Celebrant: As our Sa-
vior Christ has taught us we now pray, Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, —

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -

give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence follows.

Presider Behold what you are.
People **May we become what we receive.**

The Presider invites the People to receive the Communion of our Lord. All we welcome to come forward.

Communion Hymn

People of God gather together (Advocate Songbook 73)

Those gathered at home are invited to pray the following prayer as those in-person receive.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in Word and Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.
All **Almighty and eternal God,
we thank you for feeding us
with this Sacrament of spiritual food
that brings us forgiveness, healing, and wholeness.
As we depart this holy place,
let is also nourish us in all goodness,
that we might be strengthened to serve you among all your people.
All this we ask in the name of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Presider offers a blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Going-Forth Hymn

Holy Father, great Creator (Hymnal 368)

The Dismissal is given, and the People respond a loud voice, 'Thanks be to God!'