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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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10.30am
Morning Worship
led by members of the Trinity Housegroup

Church Stewards on duty: Adam Hagar & Alastair Fear

AV: Reg Williams & Alastair Fear

A special welcome to any visitors joining us today

There is an **Open Prayer Book** in the Welcome Area for you to enter the name of any situation or person you wish to remember during the service. There is also a **Prayer Box** for requests which, for any reason, need to remain confidential, and each individual will be prayed for by name later in the week, and in confidence, by the Prayer Group.

Our **Junior Church** will not be meeting today. Children are welcome to stay in the Service, take advantage of the resources in the Junior Church corner, or enjoy the toys and activities in the Welcome Area.

After today's Service you are very welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea thanks to today's Coffee Rota volunteers Margaret Greaney & Bernie Watson

Thanks to the
Tree & Flower Teams
for decorating the Church so beautifully

Welcome & Notices

Time of quiet

Introduction

Advent candle liturgy — Isaiah 64.1-2

"O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!"

Lighting the first candle

Reading:

We long for change.
The people of the world are crying out for change.
We are no different from those who have gone before us.
They too wanted a world of justice and joy, a world of righteousness and truth.
They too desired a world free of tyranny and want.

Prayer

Save us, O God,
from the destruction we have brought upon ourselves.
Save us from division and unrest, from anger and hatred.
Come to us afresh, speak your words of wisdom and truth,
and so deliver us into that peace
which can only come through you.
Amen

♫ Hark the glad sound — StF 171

Opening Prayer of adoration, confession, pardon

Opening Words

Highway: setting off

Reading **Isaiah 40: 3 – 8**
This is our faith's story **Thanks be to God**

Reflection

Motorway: changing lanes

Reading **Nahum 2: 4**
This is our faith's story **Thanks be to God**

Reflection

Congregation for reflection:

- Is Advent an escape from Christmas preparation or an enhancement of it?
- What direction would you like to travel in?

♫ **Praise to the God who clears the way** **StF 183**
(tune StF 221)

Traffic lights: get ready .. go

Reading **Matthew 8: 5 – 13**
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Reflection

Congregation for reflection:

- "What might green, amber and red represent for you?"

♫ **Hills of the North** **StF 172**

Going our own way: car and bus

Reflection

♫ **We are *travelling* in the light of God** **StF 483**

(note words of first verse)

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

♫ **One more step** **StF 476**

Sending Out

Go into the world in watchfulness and hope.
Keep your eyes on the coming light,
speak words of grace, and walk with Christ
into the week ahead.
Amen.

Blessing

Next week at Trinity
10:30am United Morning Worship & Holy Communion
led by Revd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson
when we will be joined by friends from All Saints
Our Junior Church will be meeting this week

Do pick up a copy of the Circuit Advent Devotional
Transformation – a journey through Advent 2026
from the Welcome Area

Also a card giving the
Christmas Services in Trinity and All Saints
one for you and some for friends and neighbours

Sunday 13 – Gift Service at 10:30am
Sunday 20 – Carol Service at **4pm** (no morning Service)
Christmas Eve – Torchlight Service at **4pm** (bring a torch)
Christmas Day – Morning Worship at **10am**