



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025 9:30AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping at Trinity this morning! If this is your first time to worship with us, we are especially glad you are here and hope you will come again. Please know whatever your tradition, we want you to make yourself at home and participate in the service as you are moved. We also invite you to complete the “Hi There” Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate so we may greet you personally.

Children are always welcome in worship here. However, we do have a staffed nursery directly below the sanctuary if that feels like a better fit for your family. The nursery is intended for children younger than kindergarten. An activity cart is located at the back for older children, as well as a Worship Guide. If you are curious about any part of our service, please feel free to ask questions! We enjoy sharing the meaning of what we are doing in our worship.

In this worship booklet, the congregation responds with the words in bold print. Please stand as you are able (indicated by the *). Unless otherwise indicated, we sing from the blue Hymnal.

Prelude

Welcome

**Entrance Hymn 516 Come Down, O Love Divine*

Opening Acclamation

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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 S280*

**Collect of the Day*

God with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

- ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- ⁹And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.
- ¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

A reading from Acts.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Holy Gospel*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt

**The Nicene Creed*

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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

**Prayers of the People*

The Lord shall give us the blessings of strength and peace. Beloved of God, let us pray, “Walk with us through the waters, O God; walk with us through the fire.”

Deliver your Church, O God, from fear. Strengthen those you have redeemed by your presence. Give us all the courage to keep our baptismal promises.

Silence

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

O God, you have blessed us to be members of your household. Strengthen the unity of the Church—those serving you in the east, west, north, and south.

Silence

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

Your power, O God, is evident in the mysteries of our universe. By water and your Holy Spirit, you have made us a new people. We give you thanks and praise.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

Break down the walls of division in our city and our nation. Bring us together as one human family, formed and made by your great hands.

Silence

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

Heal and comfort your beloved children, O God. Be with the needy in their trials. May they know that they are precious in your sight. Today we pray especially for Maureen, Janet, Rick, Marie, Jennifer, Joyce, Jacky, Gail, Alveta, Bode, Gracie, Martha, Daniel, Shirley, Dan, Barbara, Lucille, Caroline, Eric, Brent, Judy, Kathy, Joan, Bill, Jacob, Peter, Sandy, Donna.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

Source and Parent of all, you have accepted us as your children. You have made us heirs with Christ. In your great mercy, receive us, and all who have died, into glory everlasting.

Silence

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

Today, we pray for St. James', Danbury; St. Luke's, Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; for healthcare workers & frontline workers, and the Church of the Province of West Africa.

Silence

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

Walk with us through the fire.

Prsider

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

**Peace*

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

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Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Music

Come, Holy Ghost

Thomas Attwood

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire; Thou the anointing spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart: Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love. Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight. Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace. Keep far our foes, give peace at home; where thou art guide no ill can come. Teach us to know the Father, Son, and Thee, of both, to be but one. That through the ages all along, this may be our endless song. Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit .

****Presentation of the Gifts***

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, money and food bank donations to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented.

Doxology 380

****The Great Thanksgiving***

The Lord be with you.
And also 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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus S124

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S154

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.

May we become what we receive.

Communion

If you prefer not to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest. If you need communion brought to your seat, please tell an usher. Please indicate at the rail if you require a gluten-free wafer. Please cup your hands to receive the bread. If you prefer, we invite you to pray in spiritual communion.

Communion Music

Communion Hymn 121

Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

(LEV: A trained lay person who provides the sacrament to those who are hospitalized, homebound, and in nursing homes. LEV's are trained to lead a brief prayer service before sharing the blessed bread and wine of Holy Communion.)

In the name of God and of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with Alveta, Joyce and Marie. Let us pray. You carry the prayer of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Please kneel as you are able.

Let us pray.

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***

Closing Hymn 398

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

****Dismissal***

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Our service of worship is now over. Our worship through service now begins.



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The 293rd Annual Parish Meeting of Trinity Episcopal Church, 36 Main Street, Newtown, Connecticut, will be held on Sunday, January 26th at 10:45 AM in the Glover Community Room after worship.

We will elect a slate of Officers, Vestry Members, and Delegates and Alternates to the Convention of our Episcopal Church in Connecticut; receive reports about the ministries and business of the Parish; and engage in collaborative dialogue about our outreach in the year to come.

Posted on this 7th day of January, 2025

Suzanne Roman, Clerk

Together as faithful stewards we are called to worship God joyfully,
build a caring and faithful community in Christ
and go forth in love to share the Gospel.

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Today at Trinity

Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt - Preacher & Presider
Patrick DeBrock - - Crucifer
Judy Rowley, Laura Main - Lector
Laura Main - Intercessor
Joan King, Laura Main - Chalice Ministry
Frank Brill - Bell Ringing
Martha Dayton, Joan King - LEV
Jessica O'Meara - Usher
Joe Bojnowski - Usher
Kelly Rowan - Trinity Driving
Karen Wojtowicz - Trinity Cafe
Floyd Higgins - Tech Guild
Phil Cruz - Tech Guild
Abby Lye - Nursery Assistant
Elijah Morris - Organist
Judy LaCroix, George Rockwell, Heather Pellagrino - Altar Guild

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Jessica O'Meara, Karen Wojtowicz
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For those celebrating a birthday this week:

Ruth Campbell, Jack Murphy, Samuel Grummons, Dorothy Schmidt

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

Tom & Cherie Swetts