

# **THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**January 28, 2024**

**10:00 am**

**Trinity Episcopal Church**



**THE SEASON IS** — Epiphany. The season of Epiphany is both a festive season and ordinary time. During this season we celebrate Jesus' manifestation to the world as the incarnate Son of God. It begins with the visit of the magi, wise men from the East, and concludes with the Transfiguration on the mountain top. We are invited to behold the miracle of the incarnation in the world around us. In ordinary time we seek to behold the extraordinary love of God.

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Amelia Welch-Wierzbicki—Intercessor  
Ray Stiles—Master of Ceremonies  
Michael Wood—Chalice  
Janet Gordon—Coffee Hour Host  
Team 4: Amelia Welch-Wierzbicki, Ava Vandergast—Altar Guild  
Flowers arranged by Tom Hopper.

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# The Holy Eucharist

Prelude (Piano)


“Day By Day”

Tune: Oskar Ahnfelt  
Setting by Rachel Trelstad Porter


Processional Hymn TH577

God Is Love

*Refrain*



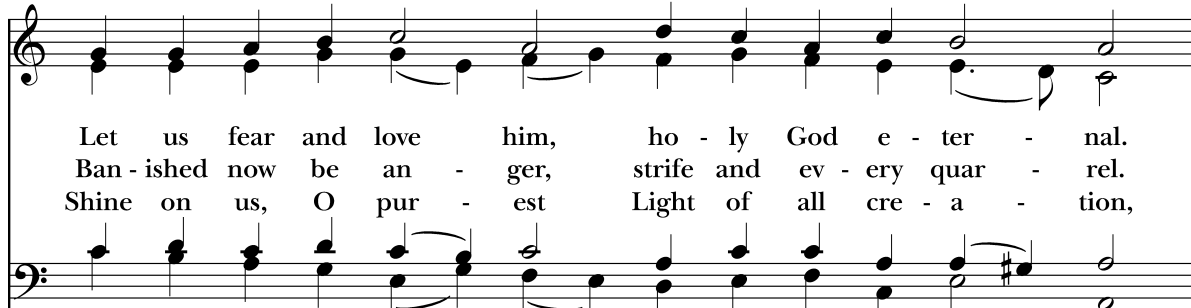
God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,  
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

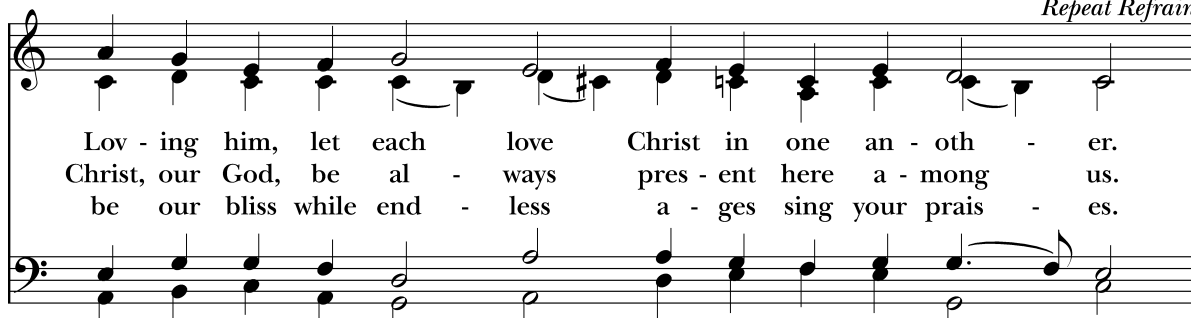


Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

*Repeat Refrain*



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

# The Word of God

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* 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.*

## Gloria MHSO 6

Setting by Fionna Vidal-White

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on  
earth. — Lord, God, hea-ven-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of — God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have  
mer - cy on us; — you are seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther re -  
ceive our — prayer. — For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 111

***Hallelujah!***

***I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \****  
***in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.***

***Great are the deeds of the Lord! \****  
***they are studied by all who delight in them.***

***His work is full of majesty and splendor, \****  
***and his righteousness endures for ever.***

***He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \****  
***the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.***

***He gives food to those who fear him; \****  
***he is ever mindful of his covenant.***

***He has shown his people the power of his works \****  
***in giving them the lands of the nations.***

***The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \****  
***all his commandments are sure.***

*They stand fast for ever and ever, \**  
*because they are done in truth and equity.*

*He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; \**  
*holy and awesome is his Name.*

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \**  
*those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.*

## The Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.    *Thanks be to God.*

## Gradual Hymn

Let My Spirit Always Sing



1 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, though my heart be  
2 Though my bod - y be con - fined, let your word en -  
3 Let your wis - dom grace my years, choose my words and  
4 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, to your Spir - it



win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair  
gage my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern  
chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change,  
an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain



give no sign that you are there, God to whom my  
 how much more there is to learn, see a world be -  
 to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be  
 know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er



days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.  
 com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.  
 full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.  
 on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

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**The Gospel** *People stand as they are able.*

Mark 1:21-28

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

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Martha Kirkpatrick

**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.***

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; in the Anglican cycle of prayer we remember the Anglican Church of South Africa, and in our own diocese the St. Andrew's School Chapel, Middletown;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our Bishop; for our clergy, Patty and Marta, and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially Marie Hunt, Mark Levin, Timothy Kraft, Melissa Perry, Anne Digan, Jim Yandle, Lary Trautwein, Andrea Morgan, Ian Ogilby, Frances Whittingham, and Rich Mical.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***



We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week; Jane Owen, Michael Denhardt, Marixa Cifuentes, and Katie Aguilar.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People*

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*Celebrant*

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.***

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

## **The Holy Eucharist**

### **The Offertory**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

*Psalm 96:8*

**Offertory Anthem (Choir)**      “Jesus Christ The Apple Tree”

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit, and always green:  
The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit, and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
 By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,  
 His beauty doth all things excel:  
 By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,  
 The glory which I now can see  
 In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
 And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
 For happiness I long have sought,  
 And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
 I missed of all; but now I see  
 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil  
 Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
 I'm weary with my former toil  
 Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
 Under the shadow I will be,  
 Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive  
 It keeps my dying faith alive;  
 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive  
 It keeps my dying faith alive;  
 Which makes my soul in haste to be  
 With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

## Offertory Hymn

## Faith Begins By Letting Go



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,  
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live  
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
 so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
 shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
 not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
 till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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All Things come of Thee, O Lord, *and of thine own have we given Thee.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

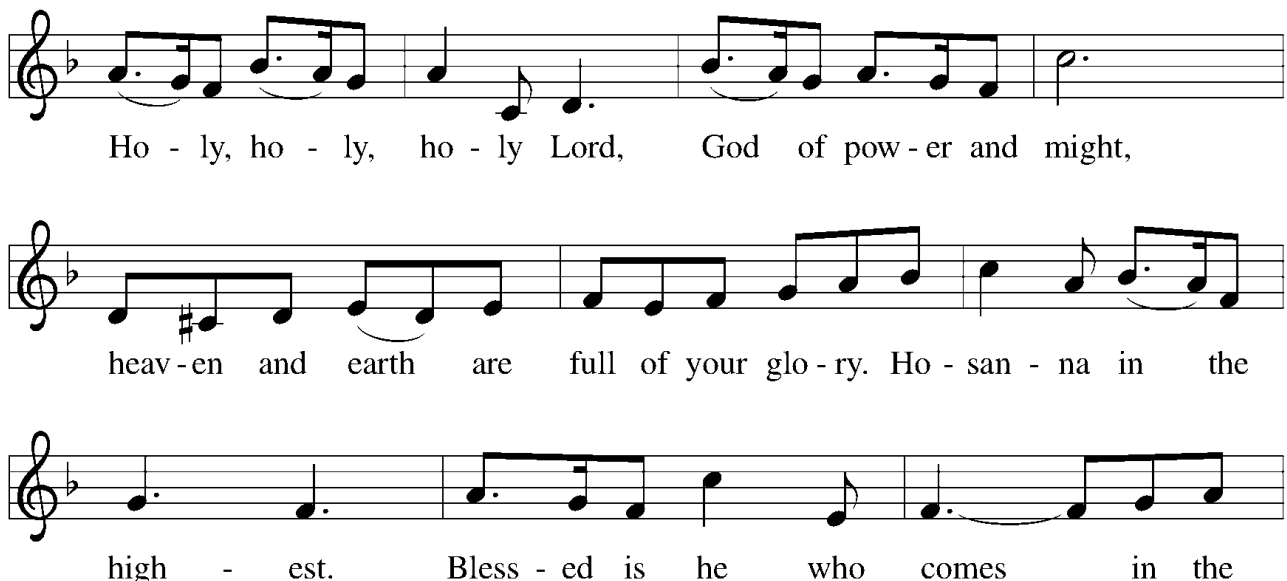
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

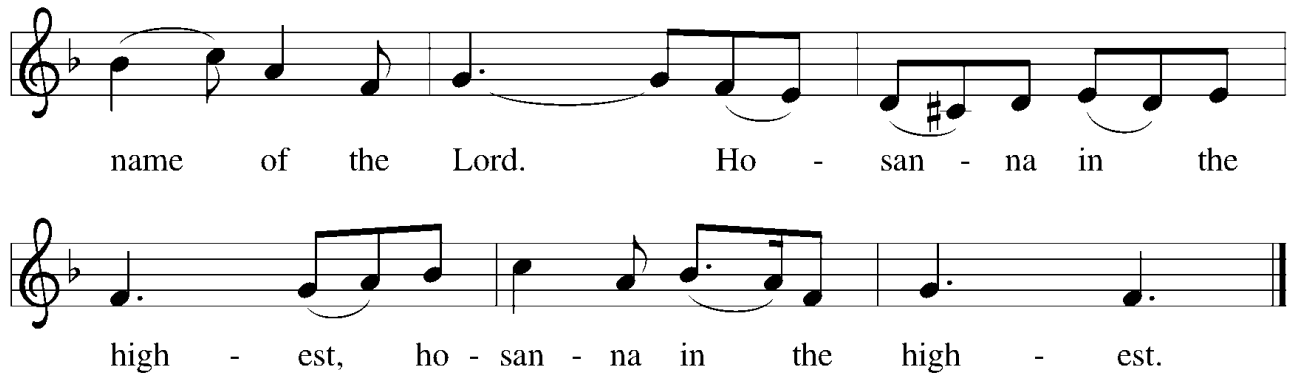
Setting by Per Harling



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

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the



Music: Per Harling, b. 1948  
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*Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***AMEN.***

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

*People and Celebrant*

***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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn**

Jesus, The Light Of The World



1	Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,	Je - sus, the Light of the world;
2	Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise,	Je - sus, the Light of the world;
3	Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored,	Je - sus, the Light of the world;
4	Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!	Je - sus, the Light of the world;



"Glo - ry to the new-born King,"	Je - sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies;	Je - sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!	Je - sus, the Light of the world.
hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!	Je - sus, the Light of the world.

*Refrain*



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the Light of the world.

## Post Communion Prayer

*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.*

## The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Recessional Hymn TH371

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!  
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt. Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude** (Organ) “Lord, Now Let Your Servant Go In Peace”

Tune: Ronald A. Nelson  
Setting by David Cheirwien

## Announcements

**Please welcome** the Rev. Canon Martha Kirkpatrick while Patty is away at an Executive Council meeting in Louisville, and Marta is in Panama.

**An Evite was sent to all members of Trinity.** It was to reserve 2 tickets per household for Bishop Curry’s visitation celebrating our Old Swedes 325th on Sunday, July 28th at 9:30 am. Seating is limited. Please reserve your seats by Wednesday, February 14th.

**Conversations on American Law and Government: Please join us Tuesday January 30 at 6 p.m. as we begin a monthly journey to expand** our understanding and discuss the bases of American society in law and government. Each meeting will run about 90 minutes and include a roughly 35 minute presentation on the topic and issues. After a short break, there will be a group conversation (about 30-45 minutes) on the topic and issues raised. Topics generally will include: American society and government in global context, American federalism, political parties in America, U.S. Constitution: how, when, what, the tradition and history of U.S. jurisprudence, structure of the legal system and its effect on society, criminal law and procedure, contracts and “sticking to our word,” property: what is it? ...how do we work with it?, and our obligation not to harm others. The first meeting is Tuesday January 30 at 6 p.m. – you are welcome to bring something to eat or drink (non-alcoholic).

**We are about to kick off our Stephen’s ministry.** We will be visiting those who are not able to come to church as well as those who are in the hospital. We are also able to provide rides to those who might need to be driven to medical appointments or treatment. If you would like a visitor and/or assistance in getting to appointments please let the office know so that we can assist.

**Confirmation Classes** to begin on Sunday, February 18th—March 17th. Classes will be held from 1-2 pm in the conference room. The Bishop will make his visitation on Sunday, May 26th.

**Save The Date - VALENTINE CABARET – Sun., Feb. 11:** The Arts At Trinity (TAAT) kicks off its 2024 concert presentations with **SONGS OF LOVE:** A Valentine Cabaret on Sunday, February 11 at 4:00 pm. Come join soprano Jacquelynne Fontaine-Isaac, tenor Alan Naylor and pianist Thomas Pandolfi as they serenade us with songs of the heart. From classic art songs to popular ballads and from light operatic works to your favorite Broadway show tunes, it will be an afternoon of musical love and delight to warm your soul on a mid-winter afternoon. As with all TAAT performances, there is NO ADMISSION CHARGE for the concert. A selection of scrumptious Valentine delights will be served at receptions in the lobby both before and after the concert. Mark your calendars and invite a friend or two to celebrate SONGS OF LOVE!

**Do you have palms from last year at home?** If so, please bring them to the church by Tuesday, February 13. Our clergy will burn the palms to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

**Mark your calendars!** Our chili cook-off is back on Shrove Tuesday, February 13 at 6 pm. Watch for more information to come soon.

**Ash Wednesday:** Services will be held at Trinity Church at 7 am, 12:10 pm, and 6 pm in English, and at 7 pm in Spanish.

**Save the Date! The Trinity Women's Retreat** will be the weekend of May 10-12th. We will be focusing on Legacy and what that means to each of us. The cost will be \$300 and scholarships are available by emailing Reverend Patty. We will post more details as we have them, so keep an eye out. Please email Janet Gordon (jgordon531@gmail.com) or Kim Denhardt (kdenhardt@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Notes on Today's Music from our Director of Music**

The text of today's Gradual Hymn was written by **Shirley Erena Murray** of New Zealand. Raised as Methodist, she became a Presbyterian when she married the Reverend John Stewart Murray, who was a moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. Shirley began her career as a teacher of languages, but soon became more active in Amnesty International, and for eight years she served the Labor Party Research Unit of Parliament. Her involvement in these organizations informed and enriched her writing of hymns, which address human rights, women's concerns, justice, peace, the integrity of creation, and the unity of the church. In recognition for her service as a writer of hymns, the New Zealand government honored her as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit on the Queen's birthday in 2001. Murray published three collections of her hymns: *In Every Corner Sing* (1992), *Everyday in Your Spirit* (1996), and *Faith Makes the Song* (2002)



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