

**THE SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

JANUARY 19, 2025

TRINITY EPISCOPAL PARISH— 8:00 AM



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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NURSERY

For those with small children, we have nursery staff available for the 10 am and noon services in the Sunday School room. We also have the nursery room in the lobby open for all services for parents to go with their children, if needed.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Patricia Downing—Rector
Kathryn Jakabcin—Pianist
Martha Diver—Reader/Intercessor
Stan Diver—Server
Martha Diver—Coffee Hour Host

Team 3: Kathryn Jakabcin, Bob Contino, Ray Stiles—Altar Guild

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Entrance Hymn 599

Lift Every Voice And Sing



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast



har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might



high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the



roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we



taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -



brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for



day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

The Word of God

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *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.

Gloria *Spoken in unison.*

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall

see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

Psalm 36:5-10 *Prayed in unison*

*Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.*

*How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.*

*They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.*

*For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.*

*Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.*

The Epistle An excerpt of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from a Birmingham Jail

In 1963, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was sent to jail in Birmingham, Alabama, for his civil rights activities. He received a letter of condemnation from the local clergy, and wrote a lengthy letter in response to their criticisms. While King's attorneys argued in court for the right to give him pencil and paper, this letter was initially written on scraps of writing paper secretly provided by a friendly African American prison guard.

“I am in Birmingham because injustice is here. Just as the prophets of the eighth century B.C. left their villages and carried their ‘thus saith the Lord’ far beyond the boundaries of their home towns, and just as the Apostle Paul left his village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to the far corners of the Greco-Roman world, so am I compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my own home town. Like Paul, I must constantly respond to the Macedonian call for aid.

“Moreover, I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable

network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial 'outside agitator' idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds.

"... If I have said anything in this letter that overstates the truth and indicates an unreasonable impatience, I beg you to forgive me. If I have said anything that understates the truth and indicates my having a patience that allows me to settle for anything less than brotherhood, I beg God to forgive me."

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Downing

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.

Sponsor

I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Search Committee in this congregation.

You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name: *Make known his deeds among the peoples.*

Let us pray.
Silence

Have regard to our supplication, O gracious Lord, and confirm with your heavenly benediction your servants commissioned to minister in your Church, that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may offer acceptable service to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as the Search Committee in this Parish.

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies, and in our own diocese we pray for the Daughters of the King and Anamchara Fellowship, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, Kevin, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, and for all the clergy and people, especially Patty and Marta, our priests, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Andy Boutcher, Phil Simmons, Diana Wood, Wayne Wilson, Tritstina McNeill, Richard Leuliette, Bett Malgieri, Josephine Otwell, Jésus Busto, Jerry Harrell, Jack Hallock, Diana Hallock, Lisandra Santiago, and Marsha Cook, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, especially those displaced by the forest fires in California, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *To thee, O Lord our God.*

Let us pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Luz Rodriguez, Sergio Ramirez, Betsy Chapin, CC Ashe, Fred Thomas, Jerry Harrell, Nick Lewis, Mason Gilbert, and Christina Paynter-Beard.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant

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.

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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 Communion

All are invited to join us in receiving Communion.

Offertory

Let us with gladness present the offering and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

Celebrant 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

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

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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 TH 371

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.*

Announcements

MLK weekend events—There is a peace march scheduled for Monday January 20th at 10:30am. We will meet at the Jefferson Street Center (1801 Jefferson Street Wilmington 19802). TODAY, at 6pm there is the Interfaith Ministerial Action Council's annual MLK celebration service at New Destiny Fellowship 906 E. 16th Street, Wilmington 19802.

Servers Meeting—On Sunday, February 2nd, after the 10 am service, Patty will have a meeting with those who volunteer as servers and altar guild in the dining room. Please plan to attend.

Saturday, February 8th—Please join Bishop Brown for a Congregational Growth and Vitality workshop as part of our call process for the next rector. The workshop will be held at 10 am—2:30 pm in the dining room. Lunch will be provided so please do sign up to attend so we know how much food to purchase. Use the QR Code below to sign up for the workshop.



Trinity provides meals for Clark House the first Monday of each month and Epiphany House the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Presently, you would be preparing for 10 to 12 people, which includes staff. You are also welcome to join them for the meal. The entire year is open because we have not requested since April of last year because you all are so great about signing up in advance!! Several of our regular meal preparers have moved away this year and will no longer be signing up so please consider participating in this ministry. Sign up in the lobby or contact Sarah Berninger: berninger59@comcast.net or 302-351-2422.

ENCORE CHORALE returns for Spring 2025 Season! CALLING ALL SINGERS 55 & OLDER! The Encore Chorale of Wilmington begins its Spring 2025 rehearsal/concert season here at Trinity on Wednesday, January 29th. Registration is now OPEN online for the spring semester at EncoreCreativity.Org No prior singing experience is necessary and no audition is required. Encore focuses on creating musical excellence while also having a ton of fun. David Simmons, Trinity's Director of Music, is the conductor of the Encore Chorale of Wilmington. Each semester is 15 weeks in length and culminates in a public performance here at Trinity. Weekly rehearsals are held at Trinity on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Full and partial scholarships based on financial need are available. For more details, email David at david@trinityparishde.org.

RADIO RHYTHMS come to Trinity on Sunday, February 16! The Arts At Trinity (TAAT) opens the 2025 concert season on Sunday, February 16, at 4:00 pm, when it presents the one of a kind ensemble THREE FOR A SONG in RADIO RHYTHMS! Alex Hassan, Doug Bowles and Jennifer Timberlake are purveyors of and specialists in the fabulous music of the 1920s and 1930s. Hassan, a master of the “piano novelty” style, brings his more-than-ten-fingers approach to making a piano sound like an orchestra. Bowles and Timberlake will “warble” you tunes of the Broadway stage and popular scene with authenticity, raucous fun and romantic sweep - with a special focus paid to the women composers and lyricists of the era. You will feel like you're in the audience at a 1930s radio broadcast as they entertain, inform and delight you. You may even be the first audience in the world to hear some new discoveries of “lost songs.” You can never go wrong with THREE FOR A SONG!