

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

FEBRUARY 23, 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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Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. Please let us know if you have any additions or updates. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like.

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
David Simmons—Director of Music
Jerry Lucas—Reader/Intercessor
Jerry Lucas—Server/Coffee Hour Host

Team 4: Ava Vandergast, Amelia Welch-Wierzbicki—Altar Guild
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Flowers arranged by Susan Fullerton.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude (Piano)

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”
Tune: W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825
Setting: Lynette Maynard

Entrance Hymn 390

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty, The King Of Creation

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend - thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 *Prayed in unison*

*Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.*

*For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.*

*Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.*

*Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.*

*Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.*

*He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.*

*Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.*

*Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.*

*Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.*

*For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.*

*In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.*

*But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.*

*But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.*

***The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.***

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

Luke 6:27-38

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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.

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 Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, and in our own diocese we pray for St. Thomas’ Parish, Newark, 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 Jim Yandle, Andy Boutcher, Phil Simmons, Tritstina McNeill, Richard Leuliette, Jesús Busto, Jack Hallock, Vanessa White, Mercedes Marrero, Alyse Calder, Debbie Snipes, and George Porter, 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, 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 Lucy Salvatore, Beth Copson, Tony Williams, Lilian Rojas Martinez, Yesenia Morales, Ana Aguirre, Doug Peppel, Camila Reyes Morales, Lillian Giardina, and those being baptized today, Ariana Jocelyn López-Bravo, Leonardo Martinez Nuñez, and Leilani Sandoval Sanchez.

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.**

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The Dismissal

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

Announcements

You are invited to attend a Special Celebration! Next Sunday, March 2nd, we are excited to come together for a bilingual service at 10 AM to honor and celebrate Patty as she embarks on her well-deserved retirement. Your presence will make this momentous occasion even more special. After the service, we invite everyone to a catered reception at Trinity to continue the celebration, share memories, and express our gratitude for Patty’s inspiring leadership and dedication. We look forward to celebrating with you!

It is tradition to give a “purse” as a thank-you to a retiring priest. If you would like to contribute to a purse for Patty, please either send a check to the church with “Patty’s Purse” in the memo line, go to Realm (on our website under "online giving") and select “Patty’s Purse”

from the dropdown list, or you can donate in cash using one of the offering envelopes (note "Patty's Purse" on the envelope). Patty has given so much to us and to Trinity, this celebration time is a chance for us to express our gratitude and best wishes for her future endeavors.

Do you have palms from last year or longer at home? If so, please bring them to the church office during the week or on Sundays by March 3rd. Our clergy will burn the palms to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Bring your appetite to the Shrove Tuesday Chili Cook-off on Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00 pm. Come and sample delicious chili, or bring your favorite chili for others to enjoy.

Ash Wednesday at Trinity: Services are at 12:10 pm in English and at 7:00 pm en español.

Spend an Hour with Scripture and Friends! Trinity's BIBLE GROUP meets weekly on Mondays at 7 pm on ZOOM. All are welcome to come explore some Holy Scripture and share insights and experiences. There's a warm welcome, too, for those who simply come to listen. Each hour's program of reading, conversation and prayer is rooted in the gospel for the following Sunday -- this week for March 2, Luke 9:26-36, the Transfiguration. For more information, email mr@michaelredmond.net Zoom: Meeting ID: 858 4839 4623; Passcode: 590063 The Gospel: https://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Epiphany/CEpiLast_RCL.html

The Congregational Growth & Vitality Workshop with Bishop Brown is on Saturday, March 15th at 10 am—2:30 pm. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

SPRING REFLECTIONS - April 6, at 4 pm, The Arts At Trinity closes its 2024-25 concert season when the acclaimed Serafin Ensemble returns to Trinity in a program of beloved works that celebrate the musical beauty of Spring! A selection of light fare and hot/cold drinks will be served before and after the concert. As with all TAAT performances, there is no admission charge for the concert. Join us for an afternoon of music and celebrate spring!

Save the Date! The Women's Retreat at Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach is May 9-11th this year and we'd love to have you join us! The cost is \$300 per person. From Friday evening through Sunday morning, spend time and fellowship with other women from Trinity! More details to follow soon.

We invite you to attend our 2025 Confirmation classes. Requirements: to be baptized and to attend all classes every Sunday in Lent beginning at 1:15pm, March 9-April 6. If you miss a class you will be required to complete a special assignment. In these classes we review the beliefs and stories of Christian life and the Episcopal Church. We sit around the conference table and go over one topic a week together. You must fill out a form to add your child or family member to the list. Confirmation will be on Sunday, June 22 by Bishop Kevin S. Brown.