

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



Holy Spirit Window

Prelude “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” BWV 739

by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Opening Hymn 496 How bright appears the Morning Star

Wie schön leuchtet

THE WORD OF GOD

Pastor Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Priest 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.**

The Gloria

**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.**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

**Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your be-
loved 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.**

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 43:1-7

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.

When 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. For 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. Because you are pre-
cious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in
exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I
will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not with-
hold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- every-
one who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and
made."

Psalm 29

1 **Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ***
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; ***
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; ***
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

**10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:14-17

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

Gradual Hymn 448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Deus tuorum militum

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

3:15-17, 21-22

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John 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. His 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."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Heidi Truax

A moment of Silent Reflection

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will with God's help.**

Priest Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will with God's help.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to you, Lord God, for all your blessings. We pray in gratitude for the celebrations of our lives (*we lift up in prayer all those things for which we are thankful.*)

Lord in your goodness: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Heidi Truax, Jane Tuttle, Max Ule, and for their families. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*we read from the list and leave time for names to be added.*) Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died (*we read from the list and leave time for names to be added.*) We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled, and that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

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.

The Absolution

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.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 124 What star is this, with beams so bright

Puer nobis

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Communion (*on the floor level of the nave, bread only*)

Communion Hymn 510 Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove

Saint Agnes

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Final Hymn 118 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Star in the East

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the light of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Organ improvisation on tune *Star in the East*

Gevert

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of James Brehm by Tom Ragan.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Lector: Bill Jenks
Epistoler: Eleanore Jenks
Intercessor: Pari Forood
Flowers: Marilyn Anderson
Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco
Counter: Gordon Gustafson
Greeter/Usher: Mike Cuoco
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

- Today** 12:00 Noon Vestry Meeting on Zoom
- Friday, Jan 14** All reports due for the Annual Report. Please send them to Geoff Brown.
- Sunday, Jan. 23** 12:00 Noon Parish Annual Meeting on Zoom.

At our Sunday services: We ask that all people wear masks whether vaccinated or not and please observe social distancing.

Hymn singing and coffee hour are suspended for the immediate future. We'll resume both activities as soon as it is safe to do so.

Please remember that we are filming this service and wait to have private conversations until after you have left the nave.

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