

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 15, 2023

Prelude Organ Improvisation on *In Babilone*

Opening Hymn 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus

In Babilone

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Pastor 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" *see insert*

Gevert 2017-06

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

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.

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40:1-12

W. Crotch, *Double Chant in G* (1898)

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
 he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
 he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
 many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
 they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
 how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
 there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
 but they are more than I can count.

A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn Guide us, God of Truth and Justice

Rhuddlan

Guide us, God of truth and justice,
Pilgrims in this foreign land;
Faced with unfamiliar issues
Help us better understand.
Let no fears or doubts divide us,
Hold us still within your hand.

In the desert of temptation,
Meeting dangers yet unknown,
Help us trust in your salvation,
Not in powers of our own,
Not in party or in nation.
Help us trust in you alone.

Hold before us still the vision
Of a world at peace and free.
Send us with the Great Commission
To proclaim Christ's victory,
Overcoming all division
Through the cross of Calvary.

Let us find no ease or comfort
In this world's security;
Let us find in you the bulwark
Of our peace and liberty.
God, Creator, Spirit, Savior,
Be our strength and unity.

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"

Plainsong, arr. Christine Gevert

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3:13-17
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

A time of Silent Reflection

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishops, Ian, and Laura; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Today, on this Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, we pray that his prophetic voice may continue to influence change our country for the good as we lift up and respect all people of every race, creed and color. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. (*We read from the list and leave time for names to be added.*) Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Holy. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

I ask your prayers for the departed (*we read from the list and leave time for names to be added.*) Pray for those who have died.

On our parish cycle of prayer, I ask your prayers for Diane and John Walters, for Tim Ward, and for their families.

I ask you to lift up in prayer all those things for which you are thankful today (*we leave time for thanksgivings to be added.*)

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **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.

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 Precious Lord, take my hand

Precious Lord

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn,
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear
Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand;
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

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

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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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

Holy, holy, holy (*see insert*)

Gevert 2021-02

**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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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.

Fraction Anthem “Blessed are those” (*see insert*)

Gevert 2019-04

Distribution of Holy Communion at floor level

We offer wine and grape juice, blessed

Communion Hymn 307 vs. 1, 4, 5 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

Byrn Calfaria

Postcommunion Prayer

Triune God, in the transformation of bread and wine, let the Incarnate Christ be not only revealed *to* us, but *in* us, so that we may be transformed evermore-so into the Body of Christ. Lord Jesus, make my hands your Hands, my feet your Feet, my heart your Heart. Let me see with your eyes, listen with your ears, speak with your lips, love with your heart, understand with your mind and serve with your Will. By the power of the Spirit, make me your other Self. Amen.

Celtic Liturgy

Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine on you, and scatter the darkness from before your path. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn 691 My faith looks up to thee

Olivet

The Dismissal

Postlude Improvisation on tune *Olivet*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Stephen Sturges
by his daughter, Beverly Becker.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Minister of Communion: Theresa Kenny
Lector: Roy Bickley
Epistoler: Barry Anderson
Intercessor: Jim Conzo
Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco
Flowers: Heather Chapman
Counter: John Lloyd
Usher: Roy Bickley
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Sun., Jan. 22 Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch following the 10:30 service

Sun., Jan. 29 4:00 PM Si Dios permite, Misa en Español

Sun., Feb. 19 Chocolate Sunday!



Mondays 7:00 PM Crescendo Rehearsal

Tuesdays 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous in Walker Hall

Wednesdays Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge
6:00 PM on first and last Wednesday of the month, Women's AA in Walker Hall

Thursdays 1:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom.

Saturdays 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office

*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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