

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Offering Companionship along the Way*

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

**Prelude** Organ improvisation on tune *Dix*

**Opening Hymn 288** Praise to God, immortal praise

*Dix*

## 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*

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*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

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

*Pastor* Let us pray together our collect.

**O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **A reading from the Wisdom of Ben Sirach 15:15-20**

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.

Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 119:1-8**

*Gevert-1*

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the LORD!

- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.

### **A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:1-9**

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

**Gradual Hymn 461** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*Alleluia*

**Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia"

Plainsong, arr. Christine Gevert

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:21-37  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way

to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

*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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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, especially remember all who are suffering in Turkey and Syria as a result of the recent earthquakes;

**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 special needs and concerns of this congregation (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added.*) Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life (*we leave time for thanksgivings to be offered.*) On our parish cycle of prayer we pray for Beverly Becker, David and Marian Beers, Roy and Lin Bickley and their families. 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. (*We read from the book and leave time for other names to be added.*) 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.

**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.**

## 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.**

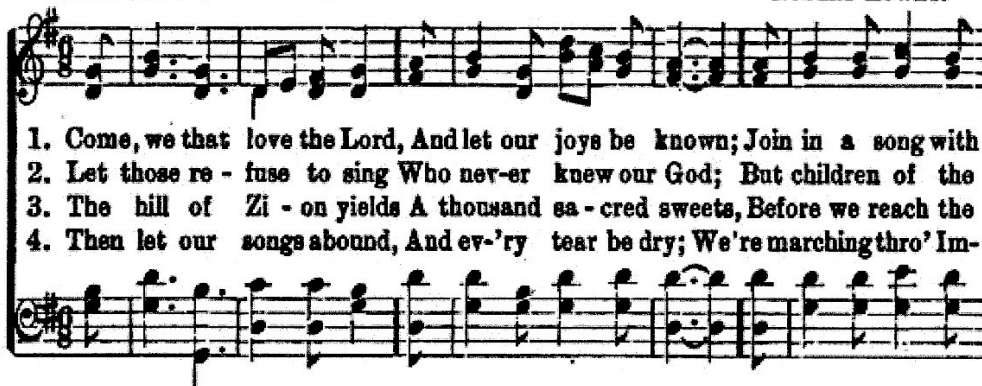
*Priest*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**

## Announcements

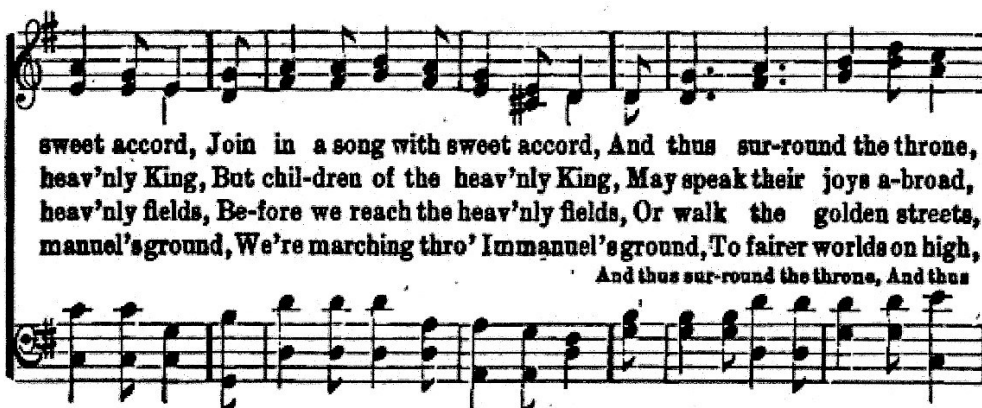
# Offertory Hymn We're Marching to Zion

ISAAC WATTS.

ROBERT LOWRY.

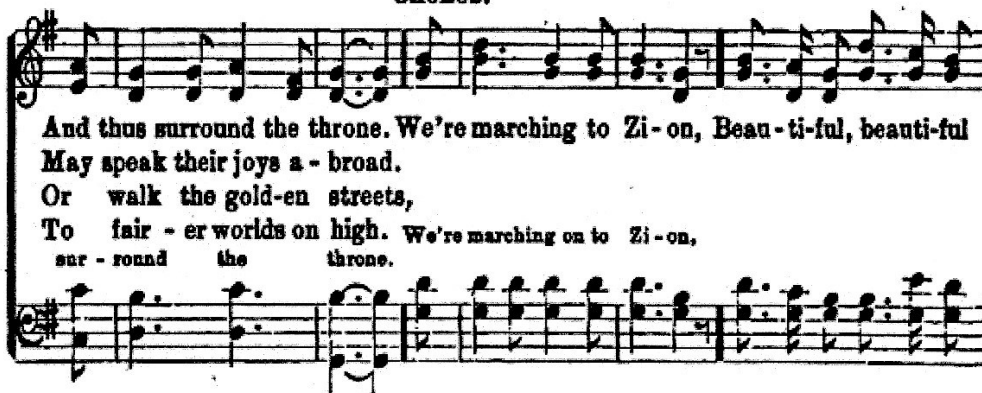


1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join in a song with  
 2. Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God; But children of the  
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thousand sa - cred sweets, Before we reach the  
 4. Then let our songs abound, And ev - 'ry tear be dry; We're marching thro' Im -

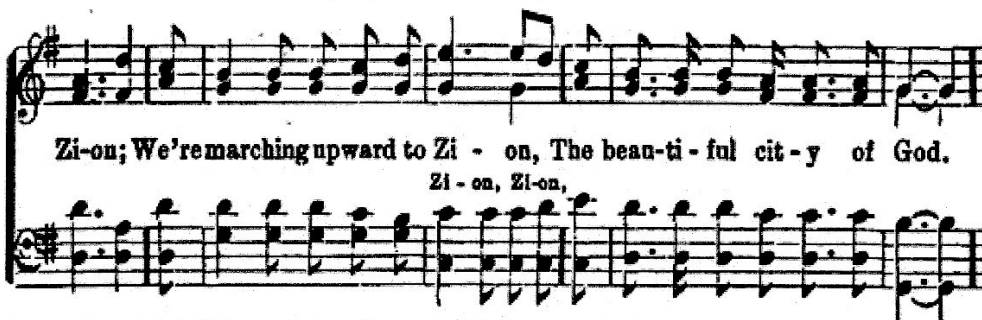


sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus sur-round the throne,  
 heav'nly King, But chil-dren of the heav'nly King, May speak their joys a-broad,  
 heav'nly fields, Be-fore we reach the heav'nly fields, Or walk the golden streets,  
 manuel's ground, We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground, To fairer worlds on high,  
 And thus sur-round the throne, And thus

CHORUS.



And thus surround the throne. We're marching to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful  
 May speak their joys a - broad.  
 Or walk the gold-en streets,  
 To fair - er worlds on high. We're marching on to Zi - on,  
 sur - round the throne.



Zi-on; We're marching upward to Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.  
 Zi - on, Zi - on,

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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.**

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. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image and called us to new life in 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** (*see insert*)

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**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.**

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

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**Distribution of Holy Communion at floor level**

*We offer wine and grape juice, blessed*

**Communion Anthem** “Beati immaculati” by Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Beati immaculati in via,  
qui ambulant in lege Domini.  
2Beati qui scrutantur testimonia ejus;  
in toto corde exquirunt eum.  
(Psalm 119. vss 1-2)

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way :  
and walk in the law of the Lord.  
Blessed are they that keep his testimonies :  
and seek him with their whole heart.  
Book of Common Prayer (1662)

**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*.**

**Blessing**

**Final Hymn 374** Come, let us join our cheerful songs

*Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude** Improvisation on tune *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*

*The altar flowers this morning are given in loving  
memory of Virginia Sturges Ferranti  
by her daughter Beverly Becker.*

## Serving Today

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director:* Christine Gevert  
*Minister of Communion:* Pari Forood  
*Lector:* Jim Conzo  
*Epistoler:* David Booth Beers

*Intercessor:* Diane Walters  
*Altar Guild:* Mike Cuoco  
*Flowers:* Tom Schindler  
*Counter:* Bev Becker  
*Usher:* Jim Conzo  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## Announcements

- Sun., Feb. 19** Chocolate Sunday!  
10:30 AM Rev. Felix Rivera will be our preacher, commissioning of vestry  
12 Noon Vestry meeting  
4:00 PM Misa en Español
- Wed., Feb. 22** 12:30 PM Short Ash Wednesday service  
6:00 PM Ash Wednesday service with Eucharist and ashes
- Sat. March 11** 6:00 PM Crescendo presents Carissimi's *Jephthè* and *Misse L'homme Armèe*
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- 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

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