

Trinity Episcopal Church

Offering Companionship along the Way

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

and

Epiphany Sunday

January 5, 2025

Organ Prelude: Improvisation on tune *Divinum mysterium*

Processional Hymn 82 Of the Father's love begotten

Divinum mysterium

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

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

Priest Behold, the dwelling of God is with humankind. God will dwell with them, and they shall belong to the Holy One. God will be with them and be their Lord. **Amen.** Rev. 21:3

The Gloria: Hymn 96 vs. 1, 2

Gloria

**Angels we have heard on high singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

*Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt
Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. E. S. Barnes (1887-1958)*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray together our collect:

**O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.**

A reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah 31:7-12a

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-8

Gevert-1

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Unto us a Child is Born

Al - le - lu - ia! Un - to us a child is
born, O come, let us a - dore him. Al - le - lu - ia!

Christine Gevert
For Trinity Church, 10-2017, Adapted. 2024/12

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew 2:1-15, 19-23
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean.

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

Minute of silence for 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

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 and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Joe, for our President-elect, Donald, for our Governors, Maura, Kathy and Ned, for the leaders of all nations and for all in authority, 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 *(we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added.)* let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those things for which we are thankful *(we leave time to lift up thanksgivings)* and for those on our parish cycle of prayer; Heather Chapman, Fran Colombo, Jim Conzo and for their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added,*) and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

To thee, O Lord our God.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Pastor The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 108 Now yield we thanks and praise to Christ *Was frag' ich nach der Welt*

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.**

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 Lord

Gevert 2017-06

50 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth - are

58 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who

comes - in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na - in the high - est.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a fermata over the first measure. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with line numbers 50 and 58 indicating the start of new lines of text. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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

Gevert 2017-06

72 Bles - sed are those who are called to the sup-per of the Lamb. Praise the Lord, all you
77 na - tions; laud him all you peo - ples. For his lov - ing - kind- ness__ to ward
us is__ great, and the__ faith-ful-ness of the Lord en-dures for - ev - er.

Christine Gevert. For Trinity Church Lime Rock, June 1, 2017

Here at Trinity we welcome all to take communion with us. You may drink from the chalice, or you may intinct your wafer. Or, if you prefer, you may receive communion in one kind only, the wafer. We offer wheat and gluten free wafers, wine and grape juice. If you do not care to take communion but would like a blessing, please also come forward and ask Pastor Heidi for a blessing.

Communion Hymn 104 A stable lamp is lighted

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Postcommunion Prayer (Collect from the Second Sunday after Christmas Day, BCP pg. 214)

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.**

Closing Hymn 128 We three kings of Orient are

Three Kings of Orient

The Dismissal

Pastor Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Improvisation on tune *Three Kings of Orient*

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

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Music Director: Christine Gevert

Minister of Communion: Pari Forood

Lector: Tom Schindler

Epistoler: Gordon Gustafson

Intercessor: Jim Conzo

Altar Guild: Theresa Kenny

Flowers: Marilyn Anderson

Counter: Martha Nesbitt

Greeter/Usher: Jim Conzo and Diane Walters

Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Today Please help us put away Christmas decorations after you grab a bite to eat and greet parishioners and choir members
2:00 PM Regional Leadership Meeting on Zoom

Sunday, Jan. 19 12:00 Noon—Vestry Meeting, Finalizing of 2025 Budget

Sunday, Feb. 2 12 Noon—Annual Meeting with potluck lunch . Snow date is Feb. 9

Weekly Schedule

Mondays 6:30 PM Crescendo rehearsal in Walker Hall

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 12 Noon Taichi Chuan with Christopher Kiely in Walker Hall

Wednesdays Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge each month
6:00 PM Women's AA in Walker Hall

Thursdays 1:00 PM Bible Explorers will resume on Zoom on January 9

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

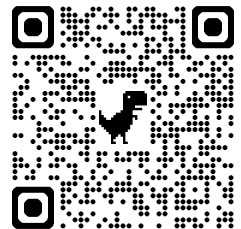
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