

First Sunday after Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

January 12, 2025

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 475

God himself is with us; let us all adore him
And with awe appear before him.
God is here within us; souls in silence fear him,
Humbly fervently draw near him.
Now his own who have known God in worship lowly,
Yield there spirits wholly.

Gladly, Lord, we offer thine to be forever,
Soul and life and each endeavor.
Help us to surrender earth's deceitful treasures,
Pride of life, and sinful pleasures:
Thou alone shalt be known Lord of all our being,
Life's true way decreeing.

Thou pervades all things; let thy radiant beauty
Light mine eyes to see my duty.
As the tender flowers eagerly unfold them,
To the sunlight calmly hold them,
So let me, quietly, in thy rays imbue me;
Let thy light shine through me.

Come, abide within me, let my soul like Mary
Be thine earthly sanctuary.
Come indwelling Spirit, with transfiguring spender;
Love and honor will I render.
Where I go, here below, let me bow before thee,
Know thee and adore thee.

Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen, tr. Henry Sloane Coffin
Music: *Tysk* (from Psalm and Choralbuch)
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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

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 in Excelsis

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.

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

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

But now 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 precious 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 withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

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

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.

The Epistle

Acts 8:14-17

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 121

Christ, when you for us were baptized, God's spirit on you came,
As peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true,
Sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call
Freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,
That, likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.

Words: F. Bland Tucker,

Music: *Caithness* from The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter 1635

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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.

The Sermon

The Rev. Martin Gutwein

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

- Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
- People I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant 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.
- Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- People I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- People I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

The Lord shall give us the blessings of strength and peace. Beloved of God, let us pray. "Walk with us through the waters, O God; walk with us through the fire."

Deliver your Church, O God, from fear. Strengthen those you have redeemed by your presence. Give us all courage to keep our baptismal promises.

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: Walk with us through the fire.

O God, you have blessed us to be members of your household. Strengthen the unity of the Church—those serving you in the east, west, north, and south.

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: Walk with us through the fire.

Your power, O God, is evident in the mysteries of our universe. By water and your Holy Spirit you have made us a new people. We give you thanks and praise.

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: Walk with us through the fire.

Break down the walls of division in our city and our nation. Bring us together as one human family, formed and made by your great hands.

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: Walk with us through the fire.

Heal and comfort your beloved children, O God. Be with the needy in their trials. May they know that they are precious in your sight.

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: Walk with us through the fire.

Heavenly Parent, you have accepted us as your children. You have made us heirs with Christ. In your great mercy, receive us, and all who have died, into glory everlasting.

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: Walk with us through the fire.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.

The Priest stands and says

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

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

Announcements

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 120

The sinless one to Jordan came, and in the river shared our stain;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled, and chose the path his Father willed.

Up rising from the waters there, the Father's voice did then declare
that Christ, the Son of God, had come to lead his scattered people home.

Above him see the heavenly Dove, the sign of God the Father's love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed upon the Son's anointed head.

How blest that mission then begun to heal and save a race undone!
Straight to the wilderness he goes to wrestle with his people's foes.

O Christ, may we baptized from sin, go forth with you a world to win:
grant us the Holy Spirit's power to shield us in temptation's hour.

On you may all your people feed, and know you are the Bread indeed,
who gives eternal life to those that with you died, and with you rose.

Words: George B. Timms

Music: *Solemnis Haec Festivitas*, Arthur Hutchings

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

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 people kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

The Celebrant then continues

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

A period of silence is kept.

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Gerard Moultrie Music: Picardy, French Carol

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epiphany Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 559

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing, if our God our Father be.

Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us; thou didst feel its keenest woe;
yet unfearing, persevering, to thy passion thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

Words: James Edmeston
Music: *Dulce Carmen*, William Henry Monk

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Notes and Announcements

January 12, 2025

PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Church of the Province of West Africa..

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for The Revs: Canon Christopher G. Duffy, Louise L. Kingston.....

Parish Calendar of Prayer for our Nominating Committee...

For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenney, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley, Erin...

For those Celebrating Birthdays this week Mike Woolford 01/12...

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Dan Sr., Stephen, Matt, Mark, Tanya, Joseph, Julia, Olivia, Lisa, Amanda, John, Sue, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Lisa, Ben, McKensie, Margie, David R, Bill, Virginia, Brigid, Sharon C, Kate, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Carol, Michael, Douglas, Lois M, Christine, Al, Barbara, Maureen, Anna, Ella, Erin, Drew, Greg, Tina, Peggy, Mark K.,...

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Dorothy Pinto's Birthday which was January 8th given by Cindy Pinto.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WELCOME The Rev. Martin Gutwein whose ongoing care of our Holy Trinity family is deeply appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- TODAY, January 12 - Knitting and Crocheting during (or after) coffee hour
- Sunday, January 19 - Sunday School and Youth Fellowship 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 21 - Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 25 - Clothing Swap 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (See announcement below)
- Sunday, January 26 - Annual Meeting & luncheon after the 9:00a.m. Service
- Saturday, February 1 - Trivia night 7-9:00 p.m. (See announcement)



REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING on January 26 are due no later than Monday, January 20th. If you are the head of a ministry group, please submit your report (or reports) to the office via email at holytrinity1@verizon.net.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. - Family Mass & Sermon
- 10:45 a.m. - Lite refreshments and business session in parish hall for elections, finance report, and other business
- 11:45 a.m. - Annual Luncheon - cold sliced ham with rolls, sides, salads, and of course, dessert!

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS will now be meeting on the 2nd Sunday of each month during or after coffee hour in the Parish Hall. If you are a novice or never tried using knitting needles or a crochet hook, we have quite a few people in our group who would help you get started on your first project. Any questions call Sharon Wolfgang at 856-854-2643 or leave a message at the Church 856-858-0491.

TIME TO SWAP SOME CLOTHES! – Donations are now being accepted for the *Gender Affirming Clothing Swap* sponsored by PFLAG Collingswood. The event will be held on Saturday, January 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. (NOTE: 10-11:00 will be a special *quiet* shopping hour for the neuro-diverse community.) This is an amazing event that brings many people to Holy Trinity. Come and bring a friend, a reusable shopping bag, and whatever clothes, shoes, coats, or accessories to donate or swap (optional). There will be food, resources, and lots of great conversation. Questions? Contact Diane Rugala at 856-904-3358.

CALLING ALL TRIVIA FANS - Be sure to mark your calendars for our first ever Trivia Night, Saturday, February 1 from 7-9:00 p.m. Our trivia masters (Arielle and Steve) have some great questions and other entertainment queued up. Cost is only \$5 per person and that will cover prizes, lite snacks, and soft drinks. You are welcome to BYO anything else. This event is open to all the grownups in the parish, and you're welcome to bring friends. Teams will be made up of 2 to 5 people. You can figure that out in advance, or join up with folks when you arrive.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025 Please pick-up your box of new envelopes available at the back of the church. Should you have any questions, contact the treasurer, Debbie Cruz 609-707-5158

2025 CALENDARS are available at the back of the church (free). Take several and share with a friend, neighbor or family member.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP We generally meet the first and third Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. We'll be back on January 19.

UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM – Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

ONLINE GIVING– To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the Holy Trinity website to send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you all for your continued financial support of the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Church.

HOMEMADE SOUP SALE



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