

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation.
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
Borne as on eagle wings safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordainest.

Praise to the Lord, who dost prosper thy way and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.

Words: Joachim Neander

Music: *Lobe Den Herren*, Craig Sellar Lang

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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.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made

me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord*
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 391

Before the Lord's eternal throne, ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
know that the Lord is God alone, he can create, and he destroy.

His sovereign power, without our aid, formed us of clay and gave us breath;
and when like wandering sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.

We are his people, we his care, our souls, and all our mortal frame:
what lasting honors shall we rear, almighty Maker, to thy Name?

We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs, high as the heavens our voices raise;
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues, shall fill thy courts with joyful praise.

Wide as the world is thy command, vast as eternity thy love;
firm as a rock thy truth must stand when rolling years shall cease to move.

Words: Isaac Watts
Music: *Winchester New*, harm. William Henry Monk

The Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Martin Gutwein

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.

The Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, do to others as you would have them do to you. Let us pray for others, saying, "We have come before you, O God; and here we will wait for you."

Merciful God, help us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us. It is a hard thing for us. Make us merciful, just as you are merciful.

We have come before you, O God:

People: And here will we wait for you.

Holy God, make your justice shine like the noonday sun. Vindicate the meek; save the righteous; rescue those who find their refuge in you.

We have come before you, O God:

People: And here will we wait for you.

We pray Creator God, for those who experience the pangs of hunger. We cry to you for those dying of starvation. Bless them with provision. Give us a new appreciation for the abundance in our lives.

We have come before you, O God:

People: And here will we wait for you.

Heal families. Heal our families. Heal the families in our community. Mend our divisions. Make us ministers of reconciliation..

We have come before you, O God:

People: And here will we wait for you.

Heal these bodies, O God, that you have made from the dust of the earth. Deliver us, and those for whom we now pray, for our infirmities.

We have come before you, O God:

People: And here will we wait for you.

Raise in power those who have died in weakness, mighty Redeemer. Raise to imperishability those who have died in the flesh. Raise those whose bodies have returned to the dust to greater and eternal glory.

We have come before you, O God:

People: And here will we wait for you.

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

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

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 632

 O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
 O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,
 a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

 The Church from our dear Master received the word divine,
 and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
 It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

 O make thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
 to bear before the nations thy true light as of old;
 O teach thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How Music: *Munich*, Felix Mendelssohn

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 706

In your mercy, Lord, you call me, taught my sin-filled heart and mind,
else this world had still enthralled me, and to glory kept me blind.

Lord, I did not freely choose you till by grace you set me free;
for my heart would still refuse you had your love not chosen me.

Now my heart sets none above you, for your grace alone I thirst,
knowing well, that if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

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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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light in the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold, your Savior comes, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

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The Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Notes and Announcements

February 23, 2025

PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.....

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.. ...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for our Upcoming Events...

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

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, Drew, Alec, Greg, Tina, Mark L., Frank D., Michael...

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stephen C. Richards given by Jessica Greenfield.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE - Please let us know if your loved one, friend, or co-worker should be taken off the list due to their improvement through the power of prayer.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **Tuesday, February 25** - Vestry Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 4** - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (See insert)
- **Wednesday, March 5** - Ash Wednesday, services at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 8** - International Women's Day Brunch, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Look for more information coming soon.
- **Four Saturday Mornings, running March 15 through April 5** - Lenten Bible Study with Fr. Jeff Kirk. See the announcement below.
- **Outdoor Clean-up Day** - Saturday, March 29 beginning at 10:30 a.m. (rain date 4/5)

WELCOME VISITORS & FRIENDS to Holy Trinity Church. We strive to be a welcoming faith community that celebrates God's presence and activity through worship, education, and fellowship, and by seeking and serving Christ in all persons. We pray that you will feel at home and be refreshed and uplifted by this morning's celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not an Episcopalian, please know that you are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church if you have been baptized and believe that our Savior Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament. If you'd like more information about our parish, please speak to the ushers or clergy following the Liturgy.

ALL YARN LOVERS - 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP meets the first and third Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Activities include a children’s chapel service, followed by age-appropriate activities for children and youth from pre-K through high school. If you have children or grandchildren who might be interested in attending, contact Theresa Hoyt-Chattin (609) 941-1651 for more information.

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.

2025 ALTAR FLOWER CHART– is hanging at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign-up next to the desired date, if available. Flowers are \$45.00.

HOLY TRINITY
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 INVITES YOU TO
Celebrate
International Women’s Day

As women, we work hard and face many challenges.
 Refresh, Relax and Recharge!
 Invite your friends,
 mother, sisters, daughters and
 join us for a fun, uplifting brunch
 honoring our strengths,
 resilience and achievements.

Catered Brunch Parish Hall
 Prizes 839 Haddon Ave.,
 Collingswood
 Selfie Station Saturday, March 8, 2025
 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Reserve your seat by Sunday, March 2nd
 At the Vanco Website, QR Code
<https://www.vancoevents.com/us/CXRW>
 OR Sign-up Sheet at church
 OR call 856-858-0491



Lenten Bible Study with Fr. Jeff Kirk

Mark your calendars now and plan to be with us for a Lenten Bible Study led by Fr. Jeff. Come to one, two, or all four of the sessions which will be held on consecutive Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. beginning on March 15th and running through April 5th.

The readings to be discussed are the Lenten Old Testament readings from **The Revised Common Lectionary**, Year C (listed below).

Date	Passage	Subject(s)
3/15	Genesis 15:1-2, 17-18,	God calls Abram into Covenant, promising heirs and the gift of land.
3/22	Exodus 3:1-15	God reveals the divine name of Yahweh to Moses on Mount Horeb at the Burning bush.
3/29	Joshua 5:9-12	The Israelites camp at Gilgal and celebrate The Passover on the 14 th day of the month.
4/5	Isaiah 43:16-21	God promises "a new thing," waters in the desert so that the chosen people will declare God's praise.

For more information chat with Theresa, or you may give Fr. Kirk a call at 609-605-6245.

See the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.