The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 28, 2024 10:30 am

Trinity Episcopal Church



Invite, Include, Inspire

A Christian community for the realization of God's presence through worship, relationship, and outreach.

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Prelude:

Sonata in F: Largo

Benedetto Marcello

Christina Roberts, Flute

Celebrant:

Almighty God, mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in your time grant us your peace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please stand.



Parish Cycle of Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Jackie Gay; George and Joanie Gutermuth; Janet Love; Shannon Hanf; Patricik, Elizabeth, and Victoria Jacobs.

Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants. Be with them as they continue to trust in your wisdom and grace all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those in the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding pres-

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY JANUARY 28, 2024

Mon. Jan. 29: 9:15 am - 9:45 am: Contemplative Prayer

via zoom:

Zoom Meeting ID: 818 9854 4534

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Wed., Jan. 31 7:00 pm Celtic Prayer Service in the

Workman Lounge

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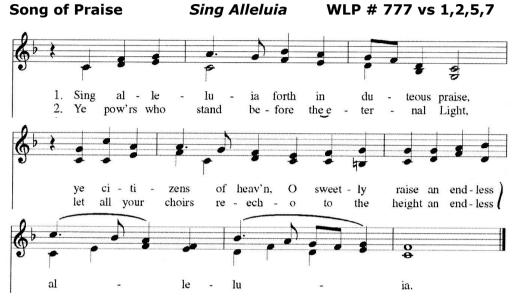
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Copies of the Annual Report

are available on the table at the east door of the sanctuary and in the Parish Hall.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the holy and living God. **People: Glory to God for ever and ever.**



- 5. Your songs of triumph shall forever ring. the hymns which tell the honor of your King, an endless alleluia.
 - 7. Almighty Christ, to thee our voices sing All laud forevermore; to thee we bring an endless alleluia.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Lector: A reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die."

Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm: 111

Lector: Let us read Psalm 111 by alternative half verses. I will begin.

- 1 Hallelujah!
 - I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *

in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
 - and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

The Dismissal:

Celebrant:

Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.

~ Saint Teresa of Avila

Celebrant: So let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power

of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Fanfare Trumpet Tune David German

Please join us the Parish Hall following the service for a time of fellowship and coffee.

Those Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Eileen O'Reilly

Guest Organist: Percy Jones

Flutist: Christina Roberts

Lectors: Millie Woryk, Charles Begovich,

Usher: Pat Marchal
Camera: Braxton Davis
Library Steward: Joanie Gutermuth

Altar Guild: Mary Siegel and Kathleen Kirsch



- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
 those who act accordingly have a good
 understanding; his praise endures for ever.

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Lector: A reading from the first book of Corinthians.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.

But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols?

So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn: How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

H517 vss 1,3 & 4



Please stand.

Prayers After Communion

Let us pray together, as we say:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.



The Blessing

Celebrant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy,

has protected you, and loves you.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Go in peace to follow the good road; and may God's

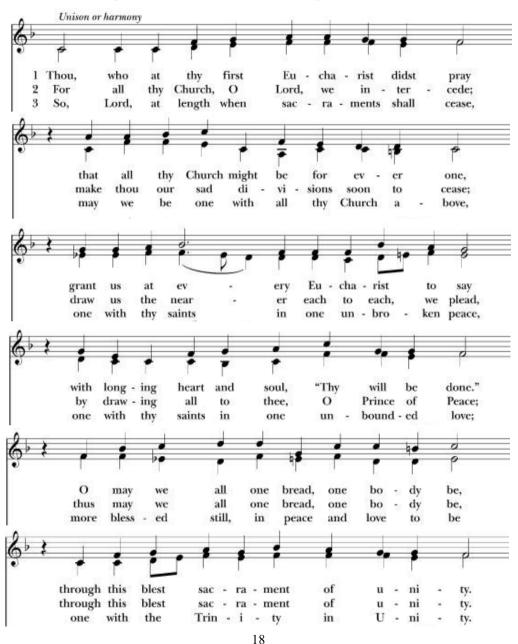
blessing be with you always.

People: Amen.

Last Communion Hymn

Thou, At Thy first Eucharist Didst Prayer

LCH 315 vss 1-3



THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

Response before the Gospel: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Response after the Gospel: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

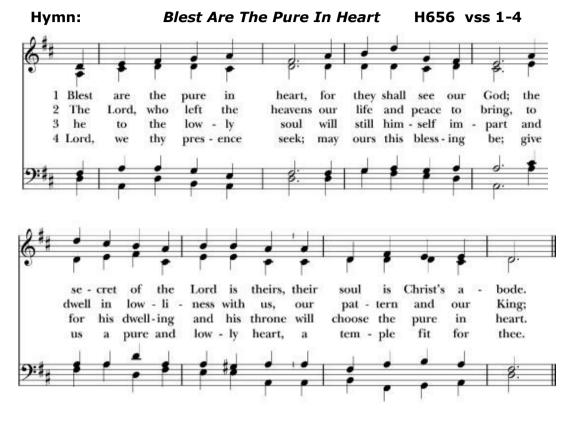
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.



The Homily: The Rev. Eileen C. O'Reilly

Please stand.



Please remain standing

THE NICENE CREED

Lector: Let us stand and affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. Hymn: As We Gather at Your Table WLP 763 vss 1-2



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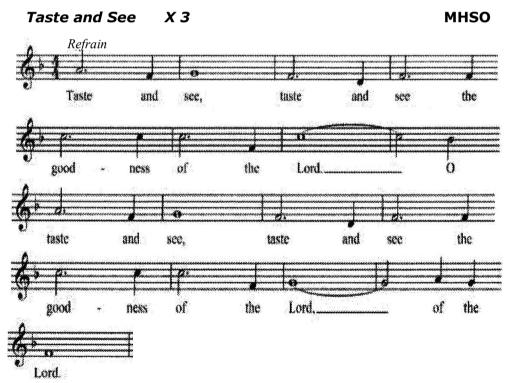
Invitation to Communion

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.



Music During Communion



- 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

Celebrant: We gather in your name Jesus because we know who you are. You know our deepest needs and weaknesses, and we look to you in hope.

People: Hear our prayer, Holy One of God.

Lector: The world is hurting and restless for you, Lord. This earth is stressed and cries out for protection. Its people cry out in hunger and fear. We turn to you in need of deliverance.

People: Hear our prayer, Holy One of God.

We pray for your church as it walks your Way of Life, your Way of Love. May your people and your leaders know deeply your loving, liberating, life-giving Presence.

People: Hear our prayer, Holy One of God.

We pray for those who govern all over the world that they may pursue justice and practice peace. Equip them with the courage and resources to respond to the needs of their people.

People: Hear our prayer, Holy One of God.

For those who have lost their freedom to addiction, for those who are overwrought with worry, for those who struggle with mobility, communication, and relationship. For those who are ill, and facing surgery or treatments.

For those who will soon give birth, and those who have lost pregnancy. Especially this day *Becky, Diana, Priscilla, Jo, and Jessica.* We look to you for care of all those to give them hope through your Presence.

People: Hear our prayer, Holy One of God.

We commend to you the souls of those who have died, **Joanne Gamblee**, and we ask you to comfort those whose hearts ache with grief.

People: Hear our prayer, Holy One of God.

Celebrant: God our Teacher, speaking with holy authority, liberating us from the forces of evil, hear the prayers we offer this day and give us courage as we proclaim your truth through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Celebrant and People

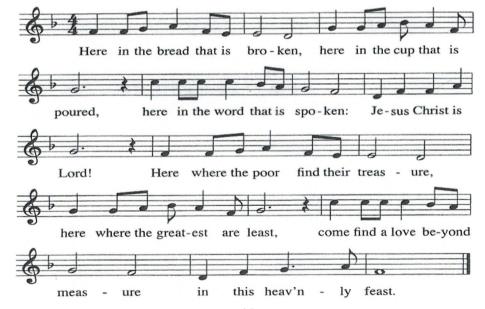
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: Here in the Bread That is Broken



After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you:this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the for-giveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People: Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

People: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN



You may stand or kneel as you are able.

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor. *Celebrant and people*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins; heal and strengthen you by his Spirit; and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Offertory Sentence

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

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Music: Sonata in F: Allegro Georg Philippe Telemann Christina Roberts, Flute

Please stand.

Hymn at the Presentation of the Gifts



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

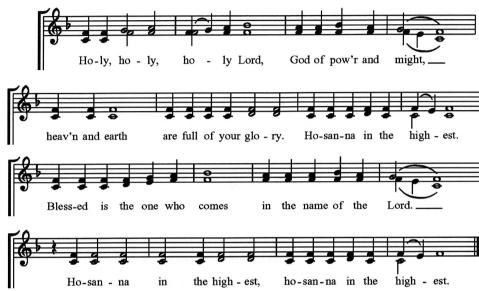
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."