



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:19]*

Pastor Dan Purtell, Celebrant & Preacher

Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Minister of Music

Josh Spooner, Eucharistic Minister

Loraine Brumskine, Reader

Prelude "The first Noel"

Brickman

Processional Hymn "Christ, when for us you were baptized"

Blue Hymnal #121, vs1&2

Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

Song of Praise "Gloria"

Blue Hymnal #S277

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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 Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: A Reading from Isaiah 43:1-7

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."

The Word of the Lord **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.

Silence

The Second Lesson: A reading from Acts 8:14-17

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.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn "I want to walk as the child of the light"

Blue Hymnal #490, VS1 and refrain

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ According to Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Response: 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Response: Praise to you Lord Christ**

The Sermon

Pastor Dan Purtell

Sermon Hymn "Make me a blessing"

Red Hymnal #158, vs1 and refrain

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

**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

I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople.

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to hostilities, for a spirit of goodwill and a commitment to peace. We pray for all leaders that they may serve with wisdom and compassion.

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts.

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

Holy God, we acknowledge the traditional, ancestral and unceded land of the Nipmuc people upon which we are worshipping, praying and visiting today.

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair, especially for those facing the devastation caused by the hurricanes. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now either silently or aloud... *Pause*

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for those we name now silently or aloud.

Pause

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with grace. *Pause*

May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church

As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

Concluding Collect

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and with the world You made. Amen.

Prayer for the Parish

O Great Creator, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, by your grace, may we be so filled with your love that the Light of the World shines from within us. May all with whom we come into contact experience your love and

mercy. That in thought, word and deed we may proclaim the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. And when we stray from what is what is good and righteous in your sight, by your mercy may we repent and begin anew. All this we ask in the name of Jesus our, Savior. AMEN

Prayer for the Partnership between Holy Trinity and Bethlehem Lutheran:

O God, we ask for your blessing to guide us in building and rejoicing in our partnership. Strengthen the bonds of faith and fellowship between our people and give us the grace to fulfill your purpose. Amen.

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

“God Moments”

Announcements

Offertory Anthem "Baptized in Water"

Insert

Presentation Hymn Doxology

Blue Hymnal #380 Vs 3 only

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, 369

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.

You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S # 124

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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

Blue Hymnal S #154

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music: "Winter Peace"

Brickman

Post Communion: "This little light of mine"

Red Hymnal #221 vs1&3

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray: *in unison*

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. Give us the grace to transform our lives so that we reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. **Amen.**

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. **Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn "Wade in the water"

Red Hymnal #143

Dismissal

Postlude What Star is this"

Tune: puer nobis nascitur, setting by Hopson

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Announcements

Adult Faith Formation will resume on **Wednesday, January 29th** from 5:30 to 8PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We will be continuing our viewing of the Chosen.

We will begin our time together with a pot luck meal. Please bring a dish to share.

Food Pantry for January: Donations will go to The Bridge Fridge

St Luke's Guesthouse needs volunteers to answer phones. Please call Tricia Gay at 774-230-3589 if you are available to give a few hours of time.

Food Share, Inc. welcomes volunteers during their hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10-11:15 am.

Prayer shawls are available in the back of the church.

Mark your calendars:

- **Annual Meeting is January 26th** and the snow date is February 9th. Service and meeting will be held in the Parish Hall. All are encouraged to attend.
- **The Bishop's Visitation to Holy Trinity will be May 18, 2025**