



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 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

Joe DiSalvatore, Eucharistic Minister

Lynn Garland, Reader

Prelude "Variations on Dix" 1-3,

Setting by Lasky

Processional Hymn "As we gather at your table"

Green Hymnal WLP#763

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:

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: A Reading from Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, * that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; * O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Silence

The Second Lesson: A reading from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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 5:1-11

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do

not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

The Sermon

Pastor Dan Purtell

Sermon Hymn "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Insert VS 1&2

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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,

we walk in love.

God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,

we walk in love

Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,

we walk in love

Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind those we name aloud or silently in our hearts before you now. (Pause for names) Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

we walk in love

Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace,

we walk in love

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord of the People, you made us in your image and you call us good. Silence voices of shame and hatred – including the ones in our own heads – and inspire us to love ourselves and one another the way you so desperately, passionately, and deeply love us. Teach us to love all of our neighbors, those who are familiar to us as well as all who are marginalized due to their race, gender, abilities and nationalities. Make us bold in our proclamation that all people matter to you and so they matter to us. God of grace,
we walk in love.

We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith (*especially*). May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,
we walk in love

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
Amen.

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

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the ministry we share in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. In this season of discernment, we ask your blessing and the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we prepare to call our next Bishop. Guide us in this important work, that your mission may be furthered, and your Gospel proclaimed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 "I, the Lord of sea and sky"

Green Hymnal WLP#812

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: " Instrumental "Rockingham"

setting by Willan

Post Communion: "Children Go Where I send thee"

Insert Traditional, Vs 1-4

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 "Give me oil in my lamp"

Insert

Dismissal

Postlude "Variations on Dix" 1-3,

Setting by Lasky

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Announcements



Souper Bowl of Caring: Sunday February 9th

We are joining with organizations across the country to raise funds to address local food in security. A variety of homemade soups will be available for purchase after the service. \$4/pint, \$5/quart. Please join us today for some tasty, hot soup.

The Big Way of Love: Sunday, February 16

Join us for the third monthly discussion at 10:00 AM with Heather Bousquet. The theme will be GO!

Pantry Donation for February will go to the Wales Community Food Pantry

Mission Plate for February: Worcester Community Action Fuel Assistance Program.

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.

The February Tidings will be sent out this week. Please see the Ushers or Wardens if you do not receive your copy.

Mark your calendars:

Tuesday March 4th – Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday March 5th – Ash Wednesday

Sunday April 20th – Easter Sunday

Sunday May 18th – Bishop's Visitation, with Confirmation and Reception