

TRINITY CHURCH

First Sunday after the Epiphany – Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024

9:30 a.m.



WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!

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We are a vibrant Episcopal family united in following Christ.

*Seeking God * Growing in spirituality * Serving all with compassion * Embracing courageous hope*

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Sarah C. Ginolfi

9:30 a.m. Renewal of Baptismal Vows

and Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Prelude on the Introit for the Epiphany

Maurice Duruflé

The Word of God

* Opening Hymn #616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: 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 S 277 (*service music is found in the front section of the hymnal*)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: 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.*

Lessons of the Day (*All may be seated for the lessons.*)

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm (*chanted by the choir*)

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.

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.
 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn #121	<i>Christ, when for us you were baptized</i>
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Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Celebrant: John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."
 The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Reaffirmation

Celebrant: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church. Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

The Creed

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.

The Renewal of Vows

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of 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.

Celebrant: 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 Intercession Prayers

Reader: Let us raise our prayers to our Ever-loving God.

*All: Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

Reader: We pray for your holy Catholic Church; Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you—especially our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, our Bishop, Shannon MacVean-Brown, and our priest, Sarah Ginolfi, and all the lay leaders of our parish.

*All: Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.*

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Dot, Tom, Barbara, Jamie, John, Scott, John, Dick, Ryah, The Right Rev. Thomas Ely, and Patty. Give to the departed eternal rest. Especially, we pray for James Ruth for whom the altar flowers have been given.

*All: God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,
thou who hast by thy might
led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.*

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, that there may be justice and peace in the world. We pray that the children under the protection of Orphan Care Volunteers Association in Uganda receive those blessing's necessary to sustain their physical and spiritual well being. We pray for all victims of violence; for those persecuted for race or gender; for all suffering financial hardship.

*All: Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.*

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake so that our works may find favor in your sight. God, celebrate with us as we commend those in our congregation with birthdays and anniversaries this week: Malakai Blair, Emily Patrick, Nicole Brierre, Meg Howard, Richard Sweet, Catherine Williamson.

*All: Out from the gloomy past,
till now we stand at last
where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.*

Celebrant: Heavenly God, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth, especially Rutland. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, so that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that all people from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of God be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church. Your gift helps our church family spread God's gift of love and joy with the world! Offering plates are located on the table in the chapel narthex. To give electronically, see the QR code in the announcements.

Offertory Anthem

Jesu, lead my footsteps ever (Christmas Oratorio)

J. S. Bach

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving S 120

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 God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

Sanctus S 124

All: *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.

Eucharistic Prayer B (People stand or kneel as able.)

Celebrant: 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*All: We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;*

Celebrant: 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 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 Lord's Prayer

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

*All: 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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Invitation

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.

All are welcome to proceed up the center aisle and either stand or kneel along the railing to receive Communion. Gluten free wafers and/or grape juice are available upon request. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead of Communion are invited to cross their arms as a signal to the priest. Please alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat.

Communion Anthem

Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness

Johann Cruger

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

Blessing

Celebrant: May the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

Closing Hymn #135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks Be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Salvation now is come to earth

Heinrich Scheidemann

Exiting: Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift.

** Please note: we save paper by using the blue hymnal book rather than printing hymns in the bulletin. The Hymnal 1982 uses masculine pronouns for God since that was customary at the time of its printing. Those worshipping, however, are welcome to substitute gender neutral pronouns for God when singing or speaking if that better honors your practice.*



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