# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**JANUARY 29, 2023** 

8:00 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.

# A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



## **Good Morning!**

Whether this is your first time at Trinity, your first time in a long time, or if you're here every Sunday, we are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS If you are new to Trinity, we hope that you will introduce yourself and sign

one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are located in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the final acc.

your right once you pass the fireplace.

SUNDAY MORNING MASK POLICY Masks at indoor services are strongly encouraged.

NAMETAGS In order to make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone

to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, there are stickers and markers at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of

reusable nametags.

KIDS IN CHURCH Copies of 'The Sunday Paper Junior' coloring sheets and crayons are

available at each Sanctuary entrance. Each week the coloring sheet will highlight an aspect of the Scripture for the day and includes notes to help parents talk to their kids about the theme. Please feel free to let your kids color and otherwise be themselves during the worship service. All are

welcome as they are, including kids!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER Private intercessory prayer is available with members of our Intercessory

Prayer team in the side aisle while Communion is being distributed at the 10:00 AM service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayers requests that will be prayed over

for the next month.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not

printed in the leaflet can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand,

if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's personal

tradition, for prayer.

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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\*Please note: All music is for the 10:00 am Service only

**P**RELUDE

Variations on Simple Gifts

M. Horsley (b.1990)

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** 

### Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

1982 Hymnal #440



Presider

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

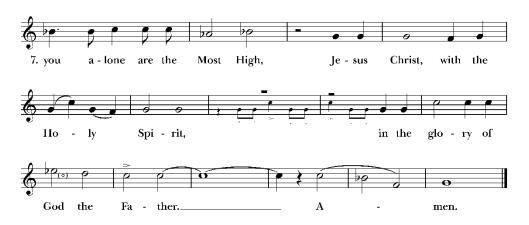
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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GLORIA** 

Hymnal #S278





#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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.

People Amen.

THE FIRST READING Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **People** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 BCP 599



- 1 LORD, who may / <u>dwell in your / tabernacle?</u> \* who may abide up/on your / holy / hill?
- Whoever leads a blameless life and / does what is / right, \* who / speaks the / truth from his / heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; √
  he does no / evil to his / friend; \*
  he does not heap con/tempt up/on his / neighbor.
- In his sight the / wicked is re/jected, \*
  but he honors / those who / fear the / LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to / do no / wrong \* and / does not take / back his / word.
- He does not give his money in / hope of / gain, \* nor does he take a / bribe a/gainst the / innocent.

to be sung to the second half of the chant

7 Whoever / does these / things \* shall / never be / over/thrown.

THE SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People Thanks be to God.* 

SEQUENCE HYMN

'Tis the Gift to Be Simple *Please sing two times through.* 

1982 Hymnal #554



THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON Ms. Heather Kramer

Silence for reflection.

THE NICENE CREED

From Enriching Our Worship\*

All 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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate

he suffered death and was buried.

<sup>\*</sup>This version of the Nicene Creed is from one of the sources that has been approved for use by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The most significant difference is that this version changes 'who proceeds from the Father and the Son' to 'who proceeds from the Father.' This change restores the Creed to the version that was originally accepted by both Western and Eastern Orthodox Churches. (The phrase 'of the Son' was added a few hundred years later by a regional synod and was never adopted by Eastern Orthodox Churches).

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 FORM II

BCP 385

In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed, and all killed by gun violence in the past week. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 359

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All 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.

Presider 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.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lead Me, Lord Samuel Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

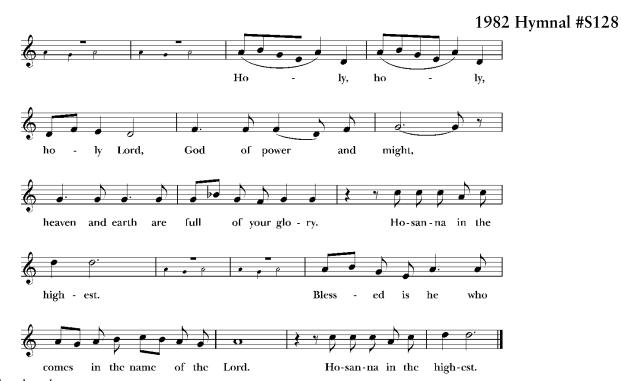
Presider

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:

**S**ANCTUS



The people stand or kneel.

Presider

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,

All We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Presider

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 children; 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.

People

AMEN.

Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

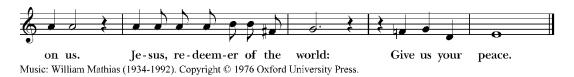
Now and forever, Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.







Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail. If you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Please remember that receiving Bread only imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament.

COMMUNION MUSIC Kyrie Eugene Butler

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**BCP 366** 

Presider

Let us pray.

All

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING



THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia. *People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.* 

**POSTLUDE** 

Postlude on Two American Hymns

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

You may choose to stay for the postlude (and express a spoken "amen" afterward if you'd like), but it is never expected! You may leave after the final hymn if you'd rather.

Please feel comfortable to make whatever choice is best for you.



#### LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Nancy & Bruce Whitcomb; Jon, Carol & Daniel Widing and Marc Wiest.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Latino/Hispanic ministries in CT.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United).

### We pray for

Anthony Brown Gwendolyn Stevens The Stevens Family Betty Chien Reed (mother of George Chien) Kelly Chien (brother of George Chien) Michael Koperek Margaret Daniel Tony Charron Vreeland (son of Peter Vreeland) Cheryl Russo Winifred Costa Jacqui Lucier John E. Robinson **Grace Crooks** Jay W

Philip Green (son of Peter & Anne Green) Nora Baldwin Stephanie Holland (niece of Kitty Peterson) Elizabeth Mackie Sandy Cone Foley J.B. Parke Laurie Lavoie Paulette McCurdy Rhonda McKenzie Carmen Belgrave The Nielsen Family Linda Cushner Kate Smith Sam Hines and Yoleanna Russo **Juli Porter** 

Juhudi Mgombo Katie Revnolds Tori and Trevor Henry Louise Krippenstapel Carlene Lewis Judy Miller Valentina Moore Helen Strassner Lindsey Tengatenga Richard Green (brother of Peter Green) Donald Bowens (son of Dianne Bowens-Waller) Diane Bowens-Waller Peter Vreeland Raldah Stephens Joan and Ean Walsh (family of Jennifer Stephens)

# Special Prayer Request

Please pray for the Anglican Church in Moscow, Russia.

#### + ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider Ms. Heather Kramer – Preacher

Reader

Janet Wilkinson (8:00 AM) (10:00 AM) George Chien (10:00 AM)

Intercessor

Janet Wilkinson (8:00 AM) Alan Rice (10:00 AM)

Minister of Communion Suzanne Blancaflor

Announcements
Tim Watt

Intercessory Prayer Team Anne Rapkin

Virtual Verger Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano

> Verger Roy McAlpine

Acolytes Jon Garcia, Juan Matos

> Director of Music Michelle Horsley

> > Altar Flowers
> > Peter Green

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# TODAY, Sermon and Forum Topic: Discovering our historic complicity in racism in our parish and community.

In 2020 the ECCT Convention resolved that every parish "take steps to discover and document historic complicity in racism in their parish and communities". Today Heather Kramer will present discoveries arising from this Resolution during the sermon. Later during the Adult Forum we will meet to share questions, voice experiences and emotions arising from the report, as well as to capture what we believe as a community of faith are the appropriate next steps. Heather and Linda MacGougan will also display key photos and documents that informed our report. Please come and learn about both the history of racial injustice in the community of Hartford as well as the complex history of our own parish.

Please join us in person or online for the sermon, the forum will be held in person only.

#### Announcements

### Bible Study and Discussion

Please join us for conversation about the Sunday readings during the season of Epiphany. We will gather over Zoom on Tuesdays, at 5:30 PM and ending at 6:30 PM when we will discuss the readings from the 4th Sunday after the Epiphany, (go to the Trinity Website for Sunday's bulletin). The series will conclude on Tuesday, February 21. You may attend all or some of the sessions. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Roy McAlpine.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 833 0910 7608

Passcode: 125938

Or call in: 929-436-2866 Meeting ID: 833 0910 7608

Passcode: 125938

#### Year End Statements

Year-end statements for both pledges and the Capital Campaign were mailed the end of last week. If you do not receive a statement by Friday, February 3, please contact Barbara in the office.





# Baptism at Trinity Church

Sealed by the Holy Spirit, Marked as Christ's Own Forever

Baptism in the Episcopal Church is the foundation for a commitment to new life through Christ. The Easter Vigil, this year on April 8<sup>th</sup>, is a traditional time for Baptism. If you would like to learn more about the sacrament of Baptism and be baptized at the Easter Vigil, please contact Rev. D for more information.

## Run for Refugees

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, Kate and Drew Smith will again participate in the 5K Run for Refugees in New Haven. This annual event takes place to support the work of IRIS (Integrated Refugee Immigration Services) and its effort to resettle new immigrants to our country. Run or walk at 10 am then enjoy the food of many of the refugee countries. Below is the sign up link if you would like to participate in the run, as well as our pledge page to increase our effort.

#### https://runsignup.com/katesmith

Go to the above site, click Donate, type in Kate Smith.

## Outreach Ministries Gathering January 31

This is an invitation to anyone interested in outreach ministries to meet in the church library on Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00 PM.

Trinity's Outreach Ministry supports many organizations with whom we have relationships - some as close as here in Hartford, others around the world. Ideas for new opportunities to share God's love in this way are encouraged and welcomed.

Please come for an update on what we are doing, and to share what types of new ministries you are interested in pursuing - how we put our faith into action through outreach ministries.

Questions or suggestions? You may contact Penny Pearson, convener for the January gathering. (pennypearson@comcast.net or 860-243-0020)

## Prayer List

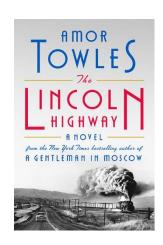
Should you like a name added to the Prayer List, please contact Barbara in the office at Trinityhartford.org or 860-527-8133 ext. 204.

Please note that unless the office is otherwise notified, the name will be on the list for 4 weeks and then removed.

# **Trinity Book Group**

The Lincoln Highway, a novel by Amor Towles, is the selection for the March meeting of Trinity's Book Group. The story is set in 1954 and follows the adventures of three 18-year-old guys and a precocious 8-year-old brother, as they set out on a road trip in search of better lives for themselves. Book Group will meet on Friday, March 10th, 7-9 pm, at the home of Heather Kramer. All are welcome to attend!

Please let Heather know if you'll be there. (<a href="heatherjk@gmail.com">heatherjk@gmail.com</a>;908-391-6464)





If you ordered Giving Envelopes when you made your pledge, they have arrived and you can pick them up in Goodwin Hall. Thank you for your patience!

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 29th	The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
8:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
11:30 A.M.	Adult Christian Formation (Church)

Tuesday, January 31st

5:30 P.M. Bible Study and Discussion (Zoom) 6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Church) 7:00 P.M. Faith In Action Meeting (Library)

Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

12:00 P.M. Noonday Eucharist (Chapel) 6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Church) 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, February 3rd

7:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church) 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)

## Vestry of Trinity Church

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