

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 19, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM



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## Order of Service

~ Gathering ~

† Welcome

\*† Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection, and self-examination.)*

P: Holy God,

**C: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

\*† Entrance Hymn: “Come and Go with Me” TFBF 141

*1 Come and go with me  
to my Father's house,  
to my Father's house, to my Father's house.  
Come and go with me*

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*to my Father's house,  
where there's joy, joy, joy!*

*2 It's not very far to my Father's house,  
to my Father's house, to my Father's house.  
It's not very far to my Father's house,  
where there's joy, joy, joy!*

*3 Jesus is the way to my Father's house,  
to my Father's house, to my Father's house.  
Jesus is the way to my Father's house,  
where there's joy, joy, joy!*

*4 Jesus is the light in my Father's house,  
in my Father's house, in my Father's house.  
Jesus is the light in my Father's house,  
where there's joy, joy, joy!*

**\*† Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*† Kyrie**

*A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy,**

*A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C: Amen**

**\*† Hymn of Praise**

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.*

*Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

*Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.*

*Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**\*† Prayer of the Day**

**Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*~God's Word~*

**† First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

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but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

† **Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10; refrain, Ps. 36:8**

*Refrain: We feast upon the abundance of your house, O Lord.*

<sup>5</sup> Your love, O Lord, reaches | to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup> **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like | the great deep;  
you save humankind and ani- | mals, O Lord. R**

<sup>7</sup> How priceless is your | love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.

<sup>8</sup> **They feast upon the abundance | of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of | your delights.**

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the | well of life,  
and in your light | we see light.

<sup>10</sup> **Continue your lovingkindness to | those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are | true of heart. R**

† **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to

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another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**\*† Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter

*C: Glory to you, Glory to you, Glory to you, O Lord*

**\*† Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11**

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

*C: Praise be to you, praise be to you, praise be to you, O Christ*

**† Choir Anthem: "I Get a Blessing"**

† Sermon: The Reverend Dianne L. Lewis, Pastor

† Sermon Anthem: "Lord, I Hear of Show'rs of Blessings" TFBF 120

*1 Lord, I hear of show'rs of blessings  
thou art scatt'ring full and free;  
show'rs the thirsty souls refreshing,  
let some drops now fall on me!*

*Refrain:*

*[Leader] Even me, yes!*

*[All] Even me!*

*[Leader] Even me, Lord!*

*[All] Even me!*

*Let some drops now fall on me!*

*2 Pass me not, O gentle Savior,  
sinful though my heart may be;  
I am longing for thy favor,  
while thou'rt blessing, oh, bless me! [Refrain]*

*3 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
ever let me feed on thee;  
Vine of heaven, Vine of heaven,  
let thy blood atone for me! [Refrain]*

*~ Prayer ~*

**\*† The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**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 into hell.\***

**On the third day He rose again;**

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**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.**

**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. 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.*

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**



Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites (*especially*). Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints (*especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala*). Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

**\*† Sharing of the Peace**

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

C: **And also with you.**

**\*† Offering Canticle**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
Give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

**\*† Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*~ Meal ~*

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**\*† The Great Thanksgiving**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

*C: And also with you.*

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

*C: We lift them to the Lord.*

*A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

*C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.*

*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.*

**\*† Words of Institution**

**\*† Lord's Prayer**

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen**

**† Holy Communion**

**P: The gifts of God for the people of God.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

† Communion Hymn: "Fill My Cup, Let It Overflow" TFBF 127

*Refrain:*

*Fill my cup let it overflow*

*Fill my cup let it overflow*

*Fill my cup let it overflow*

*Let it overflow with Love*

*1 Lord, let me be your instrument,  
Spreading sunshine in the land  
Let all see your works in me;  
Help me live the best I can (Refrain)*

*2 It's my desire to live for you  
And to always walk upright  
Give me strength to face each day;  
Stay with me through each dark night (Refrain)*

**\*† Post Communion Blessing**

*(After all have returned to their places:)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

**\*† Post Communion Canticle**

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people. A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

**\*† Post Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **C: Amen.**

**\*† Benediction**

**† Welcome, Acknowledgment of Visitors, and Announcements**

**\*† Sending Hymn: "Bless the Lord" TFBF 273**

*Bless the Lord,  
Oh my soul  
And all that is within me  
Bless His Holy name*

*Bless the Lord,  
Oh my soul  
And all that is within me  
Bless His Holy name*

*He has done great things  
He has done great things  
He has done great things  
Bless His Holy name*

**REPEAT ALL**

**\*† Dismissal**

**A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## Announcements

- ◆ Trinity's **Weekly Bible Study** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7PM via Zoom. Next session will be Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30PM - **Meeting ID: 822 8031 9117 Passcode: 709073**
- ◆ Trinity's **Adult Sunday School** meets every first and third Sunday at 9:45 AM. Next session will be Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Trinity's **Children Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 11AM. Contact Valerie Slack or Pastor Dianne if you like to volunteer.
- ◆ Trinity's **Food Pantry** will be Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 2PM - 3:30PM
- ◆ Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** meets monthly. Next meeting will be Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 10AM
- ◆ Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** will serve Soup & Sandwiches and offer hygiene bags for the community on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 11AM - 2PM
- ◆ Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM
- ◆ Trinity's **Annual Congregation Meeting** will be Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> following service.
- ◆ Trinity's **Youth Night** will be Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6PM - 8PM
- ◆ Trinity's **Pew Rededication** fundraiser... Join in the Anniversary Celebration. Your donation supports the pew restoration labor and the installation of a personalized legacy name plate on your selected pew. \$500 for center aisle; \$300 for window aisle. Contact Tina Richardson at 201-435-9807 for more info.
- ◆ **Join in our Fundraisers:**
  - ◆ **Walk in Faith - Donation:** Pledge a multiple of your shoe size (i.e. if your shoe size is a size 9, pledge \$9, or \$18, or \$90, or \$900, etc.)
  - ◆ **Operational Expenses Fund - Donation:** any amount
- ◆ You may pay your Tithes & Offerings online at <http://www.trinityjerseycity.com> OR text **GIVE** to 844-930-5787 from your mobile phone
- ◆ **For pastoral care call Pastor Dianne Lewis at 201.435.9807**