

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 9, 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: “A Follower of Christ” LMGM 117

*1 I want to be a follower of Christ.  
I want to be one of his disciples.  
I want to live in the newness of life,  
Just let me be a follower of Christ.*

\*Congregation Standing  
**Bold Font:** Congregation Response

*Refrain:*

*What do I have to do?  
What do I have to say?  
How do I have to walk  
each and ev'ry day?  
Tell me what does it cost  
if I carry the cross?  
Just let me be a follower of Christ.*

*2 I want to be a fisher, now for Christ.  
I want to bring other souls to him,  
I want to help rid this world of its strife,  
Just let me be a follower of Christ. [Refrain]*

**\*† 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**

**Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### *~God's Word~*

#### **† First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]**

*Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>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!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>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!" [<sup>9</sup>And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.'

<sup>10</sup> Make the mind of this people dull,  
and stop their ears,  
and shut their eyes,  
so that they may not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and comprehend with their minds,  
and turn and be healed.”  
<sup>11</sup> Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:  
“Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is utterly desolate;  
<sup>12</sup> until the Lord sends everyone far away,  
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.  
<sup>13</sup> Even if a tenth part remain in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak  
whose stump remains standing  
when it is felled.”  
The holy seed is its stump.]

† **Psalm: Psalm 138; refrain, Ps. 138:2**

*Refrain: I will bow down toward your holy temple.*

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with | my whole heart;  
before the gods I will | sing your praise.  
<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your  
steadfast | love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things. R**  
<sup>3</sup> When I called, you | answered me;  
you increased my | strength within me.  
<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.**  
<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways | of the Lord,  
that great is the glory | of the Lord.  
<sup>6</sup> **The Lord is high, yet cares | for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty | from afar. R**  
<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> You will make good your purpose for me;  
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. R

**† Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11**

*Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.*

<sup>1</sup> Now 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, <sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**\*† Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter

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

**\*† Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

*Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.*

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the

lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> 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." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

† **Choir Anthem: "He's Able"**

† **Sermon: The Reverend Dianne L. Lewis, Pastor**

† **Sermon Anthem: "We've Come This Far By Faith" TFBF 197**

*Refrain:*

*We've Come This Far By Faith,*

*Leaning On The Lord.*

*Trusting In His Holy Word.*

*He's Never Failed Us Yet.*

*Oh, Oh- Oh- Can't Turn Around,*

*We've Come This Far By Faith.*

*Don't Be Discouraged*

*With Troubles In Your Life.*

*He'll Bear Your Burdens*

*And Move All Misery And Strife, That's Why [Refrain]*

\*Congregation Standing  
**Bold Font:** Congregation Response

*Just Remember  
The Good Things He Has Done.  
Things That Seemed Impossible.  
Oh, Praise Him For The Victories He Has Won. That's Why [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;  
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.*

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,

\* Congregation Standing  
**Bold Font:** Congregation Response



**hear our prayer.**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind (*especially*). Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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,

**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 ~*

**\*† 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: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" TFBF 234

*1 Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart,  
in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

*2 Lord, I want to be more loving  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart,  
in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*3 Lord, I want to be more holy  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart,  
in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.*

*4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
in my heart, in my heart;*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart,  
in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

**\*† 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: "God Be With You" TFBB 160**

*God be with you  
God be with you  
God be with you until we meet again*

*God be with you  
God be with you  
God be with you until we meet again*

*(If we never meet again (2X))  
God be with you until we meet again*

*REPEAT All*

**\*† Dismissal**

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

\*Congregation Standing  
**Bold Font:** Congregation Response

## 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, February 12<sup>th</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, February 16<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, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10AM
- ◆ Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM
- ◆ **Free Tax Preparers** will be at Trinity on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. More info to come.
- ◆ **NJ Synod Assembly** will take place in person on June 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton East Brunswick Hotel. Registration deadline is 4/21/2025. [www.njsynod.org/assembly](http://www.njsynod.org/assembly)
- ◆ *Save the Date!* **Dinner Dance** celebrating the Ministry of Bishop Tracie Bartholomew Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 5PM - 10PM at the Hyatt Regency Princeton. Tickets are \$50/pp
- ◆ 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**