

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION



Holy Eucharist

Sunday, February 2, 2025

8:30 a.m.

TRINITY

Episcopal Church



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bid! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

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The Liturgy of the Word

✠ *Worship in the form of quiet meditation begins with the prelude.*

PRELUDE

Choral Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'

Ralph Vaughan Williams

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

TRURO

(See hymn on opposite page)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People *You come to your people and set them free. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, we humbly pray that, as your only begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

How dear to me is your dwell - ing, O LORD of hosts!

THE PSALM

Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Antiphon

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

Antiphon

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Antiphon

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Antiphon

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Antiphon

For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Clifford B. Carr, Priest Associate

NICENE CREED

*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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Holy Redeemer, we have seen the salvation of our God, hear us as we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the whole human family, saying: God of mercy and love: *Hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Audrey, bishop of Central Pennsylvania, that the Light of Christ may shine through our lives and reveal God to all who are searching. God of mercy and love: ***Hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we may recognize Christ in the people and places of our lives, particularly in the poor, the least, the lost, and the other. God of mercy and love: ***Hear our prayer.***

For all world leaders, that God will open their eyes and their hearts to see the value and dignity of human life and work tirelessly for peace. God of mercy and love: ***Hear our prayer.***

For the members of Congress, that God will guide their deliberations, help them grasp the truth, and give them courage to act for the good of the nation. God of mercy and love: ***Hear our prayer.***

For the elders among us like Simeon and Anna, that we may appreciate the gift that they are and be blessed by their wisdom and faith. God of mercy and love: ***Hear our prayer.***

For those recovering from natural disasters, those who live daily with hunger, homelessness, fear, and confusion, and those commended to our prayers, remembering especially Sue, Dick, Kay, and others we now name, that the light of God's love will bring them hope and comfort. God of mercy and love: ***Hear our prayer.***

For the victims of the recent air collision in our nation's capital, that compassion and consolation surround the deceased, those who mourn them, and all first responders and care givers. God of mercy and love: ***Hear our prayer.***

For all who have died, remembering especially those we now name, that they may dwell in the courts of the Lord forever. God of mercy and love: ***Hear our prayer.***

In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer, Simeon, Anna, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant Gracious and Loving One, hear our prayers and kindle your light in the temple of our hearts that we may grow and become strong in your Spirit, so that at the last we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

The Liturgy of the Table

OFFERTORY

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy work. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

FRACTION ANTHEM



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing. The common cup is received only by sipping. Gluten-free wafers are available.

ANTHEM

Nunc Dimittis

Ralph Vaughan Williams

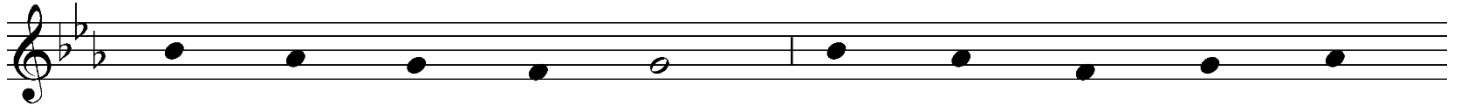
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end, Amen, Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

***God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Empower us by your Spirit
always to proclaim
your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of





Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon  *People* 

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra



Service Participants
February 2, 2025
The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

Sara Klingner
Ivan Martin
Glen Walls
Ross Mangina
Glen Walls
Ross Mangina
Wayne Parr

Altar Guild
Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Intercessor
Usher
Usher
Acolyte

Choir

Garry Applegate
Jonathan Boksan
Bailey Fulginiti
Stacy Gabel
Hattye Magee
Joyce Meinke
Jody Miller

Sebastian Paff
Christina Shoemaker
Mark Shoemaker
Stephan Taylor

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK
February 2, 2025

Our Partner-Parish:

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

In the Diocese of Bethlehem:

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, our Bishop
North Parish, St. Clair & Ashland

In the Anglican Communion:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia



Please pray for:

❖ Sue Ditterline, who is going through a rough patch with her health.

Please pray for these friends in need:

Randy Alderman, Gary Battersby, Harold and Pam Basmadjian, Loretta Brobst, Owen Brunner, Joan Dawson, Jonathan Decker, Sue and Dick Ditterline, Connie Evans, Jerry and Rosanne Foreman, Rheta and Dick Matthews, Lauren Nowenstein, Patti Pasda, Carol and Jack Vickrey.

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to:

prayerlist@trinitybeth.org - by noon on Wednesday.

Names will remain on the list for a month.



Bishop Kevin Nichols

**To visit Trinity
worshiping at Christ UCC**

on

Sunday

March 9, 2025

Plan to join us for this important event!

**Holy Eucharist 8:30 a.m.
with confirmation and receiving
of new members**

Reception to follow

About Trinity Episcopal Church

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Appointments: Flexible scheduling available. Please contact the Rector to schedule an appointment.

Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, Rector - pam@trinitybeth.org

The Rev. Canon Clifford B. Carr, Priest Associate

The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Ditterline, Priest Associate

The Rev. Dr. Gerard R. Gaeta, Obl.S.B., Priest Associate

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Sue Ditterline

Ken Grieshaber (Senior Warden)

Joanne Gulya (Junior Warden)

Marcie Lightwood

Ivan Martin

Sandy Mesics

Glen Walls