Trinity Church

Staten Island



Epiphany January 5, 2024

ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

Our Values:

Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity + Faithfulness + Learning

THEMES OF OUR WORSHIP TODAY

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

Please silence your cellphone before worship begins.

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BWV 739

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Epiphany Alleluias

John Weaver (1937-2021)

Alleluia. We have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him. Alleluia. Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.

Please stand for the

EPIPHANY DIALOGUE

- P: We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies: for the star that led the magi to the manger,
- C: that the nations may see the light of Christ;
- P: for the water turned to wine at Cana's wedding,
- C: that the people taste the goodness of the Lord;
- P: for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan,
- C: that the Christ would save us all.
- P: This is the day that the Lord has made,
- P: we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE CHURCH

P May peace be to this house and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures (*Proverbs* 24:3-4)

An inscription is made with chalk above the entrance of the church.

20 + C M B + 25

С	Caspar,
M	Melchior, and
В	Balthasar followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us
	came to dwell among us
20	two thousand
25	and twenty-five years ago.
+	Christ, bless this house,
Ŧ	and remain with us throughout the new year.



Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984 Music: South African traditional; arr. Freedom Is Coming

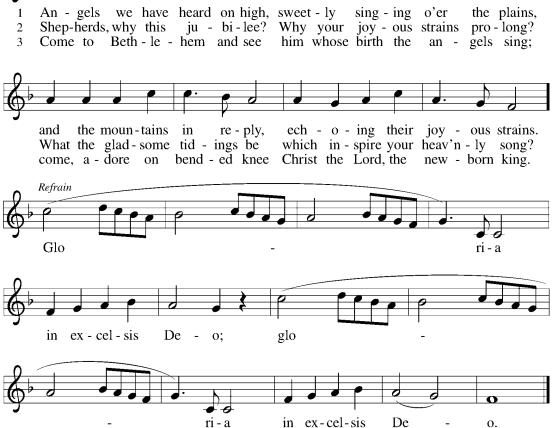
GREETING

- The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- And also with you. \mathbf{C}

HYMN OF PRAISE, ELW 289

To sing in harmony, please use a hymnal





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Text: French carol; tr. H.F. Hemy, The Crown of Jesus Music, 1864 Music: French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, READING, PREACH AND SONG

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

- ¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

- ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

- A Word of God, Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

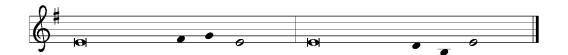
Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

The choir introduces the refrain, all repeat it.

Refrain



Tone



The choir chants the non-bold verses, the congregation joins on the bold verses.

- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God, and your righteousness to | the king's son;
- 2 that he may rule your | people righteously and the | poor with justice;
- ³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people, and the | hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people, rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure, from one generation | to another.
- ⁶Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field, like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
- ⁷ In his time may the | righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts.
- ¹¹ May all kings bow | down before him, and all the nations | do him service.
- ¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress, the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.
- ¹³ He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor, and preserves the lives | of the needy.
- ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives, and precious is their blood | in his sight. *Refrain*

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:1-12

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

- A Word of God, Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 2:1-12

- P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the

Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated for the

SERMON

HYMN, ELW 308, vs 1-4



Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: Philipp Nicolai

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. 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. 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,* 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The lector ends each prayer petition by saying, "God of Grace," after which the congregation responds with "receive our prayer."

The pastor closes the intercessions with a prayer after which the congregation replies: "Amen."

PEACE

We greet one another with the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

P The peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace and love with one another, and then be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see this week's "Trinity Times" for announcements.

OFFERING

The offering collected today supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously.

MUSICAL ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Star in the East Milburn Price (b. 1938)

Hail the blest morn, see the great Mediator, Down from the regions of glory descend! Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger; Lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid; Star in the east, the horizon adorning, Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Cold on his cradle the dew drops are shining; Low lies his bed with the beasts of the stall; Angels adore Him, in slumbers reclining, Wise men and shepherds before him do fall.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion, Odors of Eden and off rings divine? Gems from the mountain, and pearls from the ocean, Myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation; Vainly with gold we His favor secure; Richer by far is the heart's adoration; Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor. Please stand for the

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING, WOV 646, vs. 1



Text: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt. Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

OFFERING PRAYER

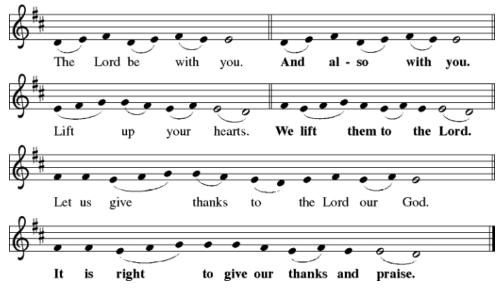
A God of heaven and earth,
from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day.

C Amen.

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

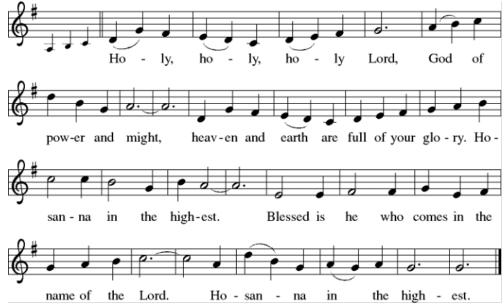
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



THE PROPER PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

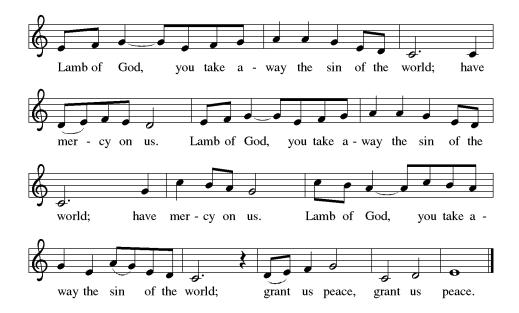
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace! We commune today at the head of the center aisle in front of the steps to the altar. We begin with the left (stage right) side of the sanctuary. When everyone on the left (stage right) side is finished, we will begin with the people on the right (stage left) side of the sanctuary. Please come forward to receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 300



Text: English traditional Music: English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840-1901

COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 815



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: Kathleen Thomerson

Please stand.

TABLE BLESSING

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ + strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Merciful God,
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness,
send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted,
and share the good news of great joy.

C Amen.

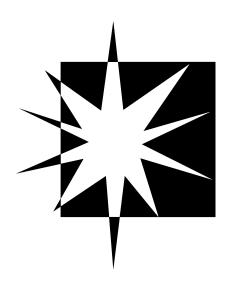
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GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

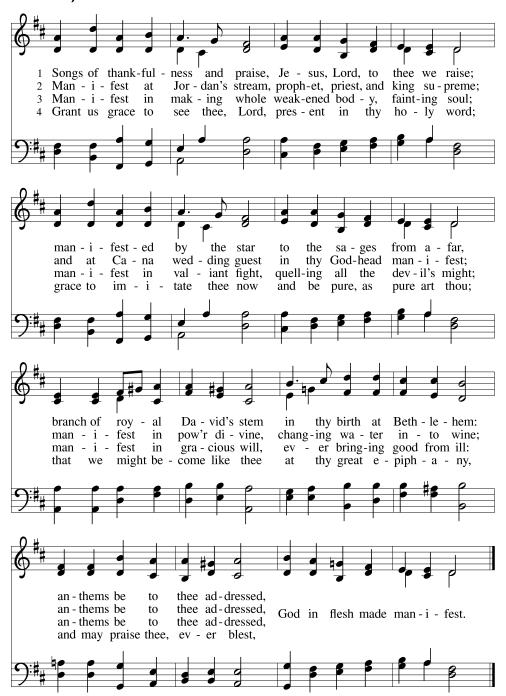
BLESSING

P The God of love,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace,
illumine your path,
and increase your joy,
today and always.

C Amen.



SENDING HYMN, ELW 310



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, the Word of God dwells in you richly.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

'And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host ...'

Arthur Wills (1926-2020)

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS SUNDAY

Preacher/Presider	Rev. Dr. Stephanie Jaeger
Assisting Minister & Lector	Deacon Margaret-ann O'Donnell
Altar Guild	Lorraine and Richard Schraeder
Director of Music & Organist	Trent Whisenant
Ushers	Kim Ryan and the Granda Family
Counters	Luann Martin and Jeanne Brown
Livestream Technician	Peyton Blume

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR OUR PRAYERS ~ Please contact us with names to be added or removed.

John Jackson, Family and Friends of Richard Basso, Meah Guzman, Susan Kiesling, Matt Casey, Marjorie Lawrence, Vincent Somma, Family and Friends of Dave Jaeger, Nico Velez, Nicholas Volpe, Family and Friends of Sawyer Sherk, Reath Edwards, Steven Chase and the Chase Family, Ronald Campbell, Carmen Acosta, Elizabeth N. Beyan, Roe Regan, Kim Russell, Diane Deutsch, Sylvia Ann Scott, Judy Killian, Carmen Cognetta. Mary & Israel Montalvo, Bob Rautenstrauch, Joan Nellis, Deacon Margaret-Ann O'Donnell, Barbara Stack, George Skilbred, Jessica Desens, Migdalia Jimenez, Laura Lupo, Ruth Dowling, David Dowling, Lura Hellem, Bobbie Wood & her daughter, Elizabeth Martin, Virginia Gill & Family, Roald & Marlies Meyer, Victor Mistretta, Carol Vikse, Steven Tercovich, Laura Konczynski, May Moore, Marlin Campbell, Ka-Ka, Kashief Campbell, Dianne Bombardi, Ian Grande, Edie Piazza, Christopher Jarrett, Laura Bunnell, Tony Leonardi, John Niemiec, Steve, Sonia Nunez, Ellen Nelson, Darlene Nellis, Cynthia Marsh Crowell, Pastor Wolfgang Laudert, Jackie LaMorte, the Pennington Family, Kristine Klumbach, Maryann, Frank and Dawn Fazio, Barbara Sanders, and those who are suffering from the effects of the 9/11 attacks.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, US Army, Sgt Brendan Jocsak, US Marines.

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