

# *Trinity Episcopal Church*



**The Sunday of the Epiphany**

*Holy Eucharist*

January 7, 2018 - 9:00 am

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to love God by living Christ's commandment to love one another as God loves us. Together with the Spirit, who has begun good work through us, may we be directed and upheld in the service of Christ and His kingdom. Amen.*

# Holy Eucharist

*Stand as you are able.*

**Song: Blue Book 128**

We three kings of Orient are

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

*Celebrant* Sun of Righteousness, so gloriously risen, shine in our hearts as we celebrate our redemption, that we may see your way to our eternal home, where you reign, one holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

**Song: Green Book 899**

Glory to God

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray

**The Collect**

*Said by all together*

**Shepherd of Israel and Light of all Nations, made known in the gifts of those who call to other names and walk on different ways: may unjust powers and the hatred within us be dismayed by your friendship and dethroned by your love; through Jesus Christ, the open arms of grace. Amen.**

**The Lesson**

*Be seated*

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 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. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 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. 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. 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.

**Psalm 72:1-7,10-14**

Book of Common Prayer p. 685

*Stand for the reading of the Gospel*

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel** Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`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.

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Song**            *The congregation sings as the children go to Children's Chapel:*

Go now in peace, go now in peace;  
May the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

**The Proclamation of the Dates of Easter and Other Moveable Feasts**

The Nicene Creed

*Stand as you are able*

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 the People

*After each petition, the people respond: **Make yourself known through us.***

## The Peace

## Announcements

## Offertory

*Children of all ages are invited to the front of the church to witness the Mystery of the Eucharist*

## Song: Blue Book 127

Earth has many a noble city

## The Great Thanksgiving *Stand*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

We praise you, God of many names, whose Spirit runs free through all the earth, whose image lies deep in every mortal soul. In your grace your Word is made known to every people, calling forth the best they have to offer; your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation healing the chaos that floods our world; your Son is the guest who offers new wine changing hearts grown withered and cold. Therefore we celebrate the rays of morning light that bathe the world in glory and kindle a new song:

## Sanctus: Green Book 856

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.'

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith

*People and Celebrant*

**Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new. We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gift we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ's the gift through which we live once and for all. Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of the God who fills all in all now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* 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 for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **The Communion**

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. You may receive both the bread and the wine or just one of them. Gluten-free bread is also available. When the priest comes to you with bread, say "gluten-free."*

**Song** *The song is on the music sheet.* Let all who are thirsty come

*When a Lay Eucharistic Minister is to be sent:*

*Celebrant* In the name of this Congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share the cup of blessing and the one bread.**

**Prayer After Communion** *Stand*

*People and Celebrant*

Lord of the wedding feast, we thank you for sharing with us the abundance of your life: in the beauty of humility may we receive with joy the stranger's gift, the water's grace, the living wine of love's desire. Amen.

**The Blessing of Chalk**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

*All* **From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus, through your Incarnation and birth in truly human form, you have made all the earth holy. We now ask your blessing upon this chalk, a simple gift of your creation. We use it as a tool to teach our children, and they use it as a tool in their play and games. Now, with your blessing, may it become a tool for us to mark the doors of our church and our homes with the symbols of your wise servants, who so long ago, came to worship you in your first home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Song: Blue Book 109**

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**The Dismissal**

*The Deacon dismisses the people. They respond: Thanks be to God.*

## The Proclamation of the Date of Easter and Other Moveable Feasts

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return.

Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the Twenty-ninth day of March and the evening of the Thirty-first day of March, Easter Sunday being on the First day of April.

Each Easter—as on each Sunday—the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the Fourteenth day of February.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on Thursday, the Tenth day of May.

Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the Twentieth day of May.

And, this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the Second day of December. Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Before it became commonplace for everyone to use a calendar, the announcement of the dates of Easter and other holy days whose dates are determined by the date of Easter was a traditional element of the liturgy on the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas and the beginning of an interval of time between Christmas and Ash Wednesday. This was a convenient and logical date for letting people know the dates of Ash Wednesday and Easter and subsequent important dates. It is a reminder that all the seasons of the church year center around our celebration of the Resurrection.*

## *Liturgical Ministry*

- Celebrant:* The Rev. Lauren Lyon  
*Preacher & Deacon :* The Rev. Marc Haack  
*Acolytes:* Adelaide Capps, Lily Hayes  
*Chalice Bearers:* Brian Hayes, Mary Laughlin  
*Music:* T. Andrew Hicks  
*Lector & Intercessor:* Jeff Capps  
*Altar Guild:* Mary Lynn Eckert  
*Ushers:* Mark Plum, Barbara Eckstein  
*Greeter:* Amber Capps  
*Healing Minister:*  
*LEV:* Doug Hempel, Jean Lloyd-Jones