



**First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord
10:30 a.m., January 12, 2025**



The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, *Bishop*
The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson, *Rector*

Established 1855 in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri
Welcome! We are blessed by your presence and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

We All Are One in Mission

Mark Sedio

The Hymnal 1982, #120

The sinless one to Jordan came

Solemnis haec festivitas



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,
6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
4 to heal and save a race un - done!
5 go forth with you a world to win:
6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those




1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
6 that with you died, and with you rose.

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant



Bless-ed be the one, ho-ly and liv-ing God.

People



Glo-ry to God for ev-er and ev-er.

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.*

The Hymnal 1982, #96

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

Salutation

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,
- 6 and makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord *
splits the flames of fire;
- 8 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to this people; *
the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

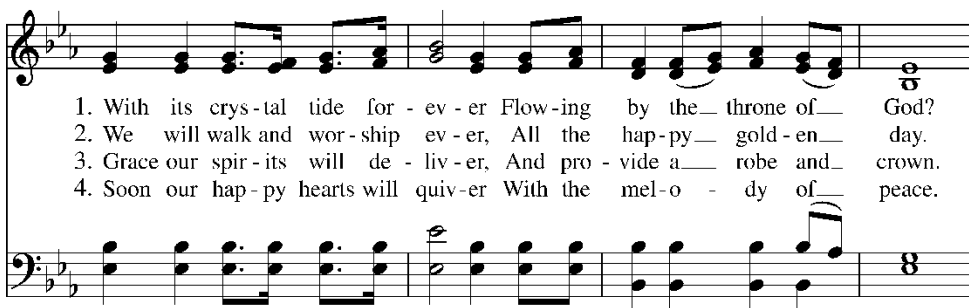
People Thanks be to God.

Lift Every Voice, #141

Shall We Gather at the River



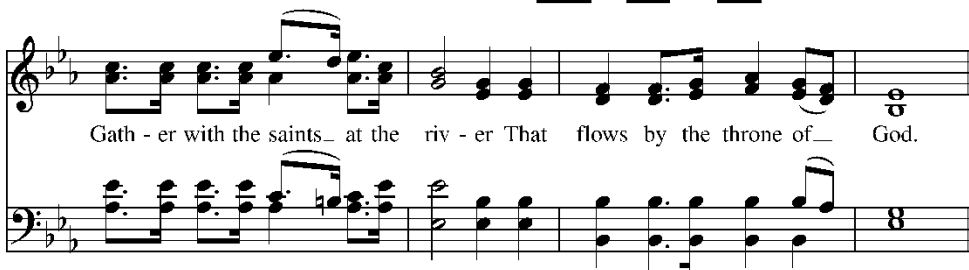
1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; _____
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray; _____
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; _____
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease; _____



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Music: Robert Lowry.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson

The Baptismal Covenant

Let us renew our commitment to Christ. *Silence is kept for a time.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 to the dead.

*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.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*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.*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Deacon or other person appointed says:

God's glory has been veiled in flesh. Our flesh has become a glorious epiphany. Let us then present before the Lord of glory our gift of prayer for those who are in need, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who walk in the darkness of violence and oppression, and for all who, by their life and preaching, cause the light of God's justice and peace to shine in the midst of that darkness. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who carry on the teaching of prophets and apostles, and for the full communion in life and worship of those who receive God's word. We pray for our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Dion, and the work and witness of our diocese, especially for our Companion Community of Trinity, St. James, their parishioners and clergy. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have at their disposal this world's riches, and for all who call out to them. We give thanks for all those who give of their time and resources to the Trinity Food Ministry. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who raise their eyes to the heavens looking for healing and deliverance, especially for Helen, Glenda, Thomas, Anne, Nan, Gloria, Al, Dolores, John, Steven, Julien, Joan, Kevin, David, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Denver, Gwen, Charlene, Bruce, and for those we now name _____. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the rulers of the earth, and for every child that stands in need of their protection. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have passed through death into the full epiphany of God's glory, especially Anne Hudson, including those we now name _____. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant adds a closing prayer

The Peace

The peace of the Incarnate Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Wayne L. Wold

The Hymnal 1982, #448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high *Deus tuorum militum*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer C, Expansive Language, Fixed-Response

Celebrant *People*
May God 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.

The Celebrant continues, singing

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God,

All
sustainer of the u-ni-verse. Glory to you for ev-er and ev-er.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill;

All
You made us the stewards of your cre - a - tion. Glory to you for ev - er and ev - er.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Again and again you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous law. In the fullness of time sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities.

By his death he o - pened for us the way of free-dom and peace.

All
Glory to you for ev - er and ev - er.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Hymnal S130)

Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Celebrant continues, speaking

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,
all honor and glo-ry are yours, cre-a-tor of all.
All
Glory to you for ev-er and ev-er. A - men!

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982, #316, vs. 1 This is the hour of banquet and song *Canticum refectiois*



1 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;
3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,



this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,



here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the
the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou
giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the

brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
 still art here with us— our Shield and Sun.
 Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Invitation and Welcome to Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is central to the Christian community. As Christ gave freely of himself so the sacred meal in his name is also freely given. Rejoicing in the spirit of Christ's inclusive love all are warmly invited to receive the bread and wine at the Supper of the Lord.

Gluten-free wafers are available: please assist us by crossing your right arm over your chest so we may serve you correctly. *If you do not receive wine* you may touch the chalice when it is offered, or simply cross both arms after receiving the bread. *Those unable to come to the altar rail* are asked to notify an usher, and we will bring Communion to you.

Due to our Diocesan health policy, we ask you not to dip your communion bread/wafer into the chalice when receiving communion (i.e., intinction). You are welcome to receive just the bread or you may touch the chalice when it comes to you, if you are not comfortable with drinking directly from the chalice.

The Hymnal 1982, #305

Come, risen Lord

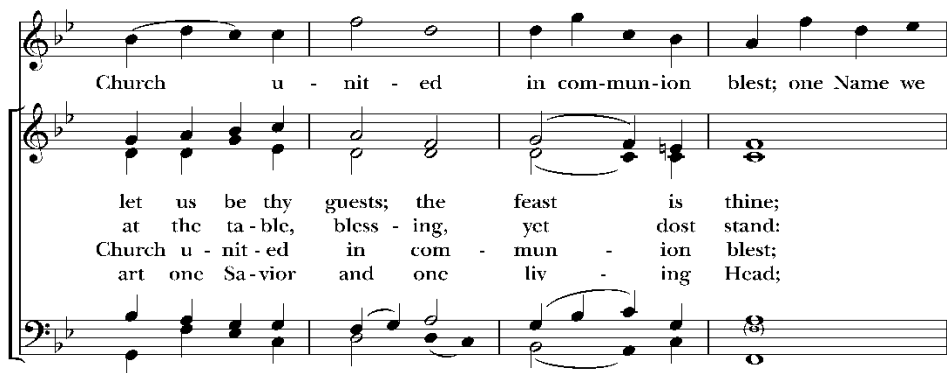
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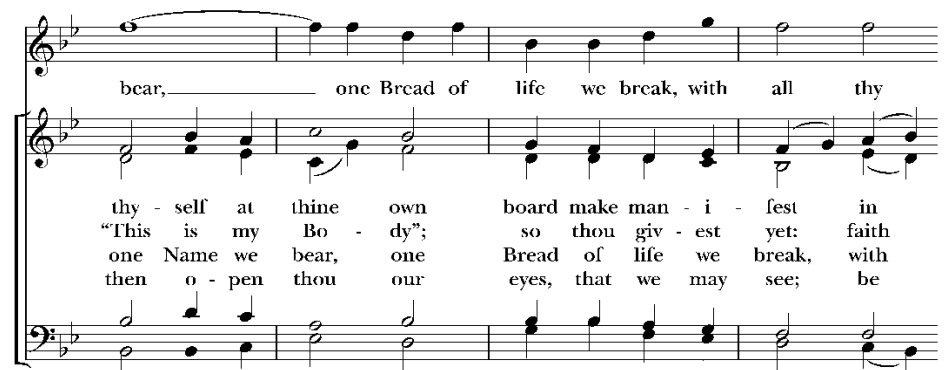
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

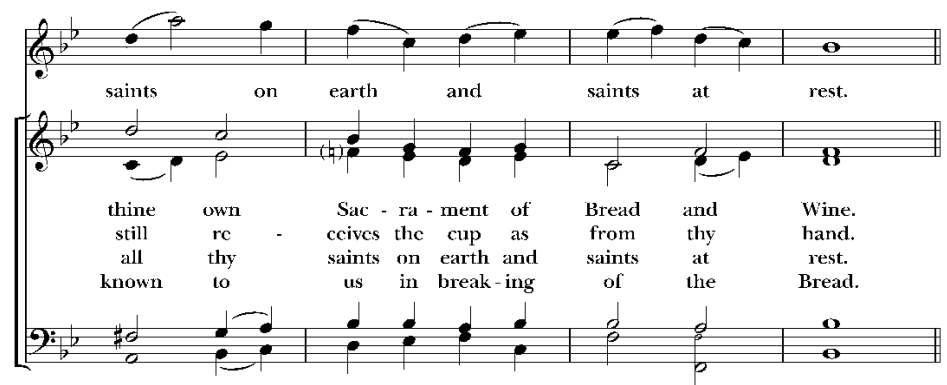
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Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest; one Name we
 let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand;
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;



bear, one Bread of life we break, with all thy
 thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet; faith
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be



saints on earth and saints at rest.
 thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Hymnal 1982, #616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein kleins Woldvögelein

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hail to the Lord's Anointed'. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Below the staff, there are five numbered lines of lyrics. The lyrics are: 1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son! 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong, 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth, 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring; 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest; The score also includes a bass clef staff at the bottom, which appears to be a simplified accompaniment or a second part of the melody.

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peacc, the her - ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

Dismissal

Postlude

As with Gladness Men of Old

arr. Wayne L. Wold

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Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 AM Rite I – Spoken Eucharist

10:30 AM Rite II with music

Weekday Service Schedule

7:00 AM on Thursdays

Parish Office Hours

Sunday 7 AM-1 PM, Wednesday & Thursday 8 AM-4 PM, Friday 8 AM-Noon

Trinity Food Ministry Schedule		
<i>Food Pantry & takeout hot meal</i>	<i>Cafe - drop in for a meal & conversation</i>	<i>Sunday Hot Lunch</i>
Tues: 1:30pm - 3pm Thurs: 4pm - 5pm	Wed: Noon - 2pm	Sunday: 2pm - 2:30pm

Served in December

501 Households

210 Families

330 Weekly Hot Lunches

400 Sunday Hot Lunches

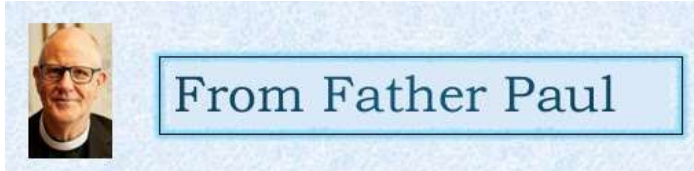


The Annual Meeting for Trinity Episcopal Church will take place on Sunday, January 26. The purpose of this annual gathering is (1) to review the year past, including receiving

reports from our many ministries, (2) to elect members of the Vestry and Delegates to Diocesan Convention, (3) to receive the Budget for 2025 and, of course (4-5) to socialize and eat. The precise timing of that day is still being discussed, and will be announced on Sunday.

Dear Ones,

**Happy
Epiphany!**



As Deacon

Harry reminded us so beautifully on Sunday, celebrating the arrival of the Magi at the manger in Bethlehem calls us to embrace wonder, mystery, and joy. Until now, the story of the coming Messiah had been confined to Israel, the covenant people. But suddenly, wondrously, here are Gentiles who have intuited that Jesus' birth is good news for them too. Tradition shows the Magi representing different races, cultures, and languages, because this is an epiphany, a revelation, to the whole world. In the West, we celebrate three Magi, but Matthew never tells us that, only that there were three gifts. In some parts of the East, there are as many as twelve. Just imagine how long that hymn would be!

Sunday brought another reminder of this time of year – difficult weather. I ventured out on Monday to survey the beautiful snow, only to take a fall. I'm a bit bruised and stiff (both body and pride), but it made me think again about what it must have been like for those who were among the first visitors to the Child Jesus.

On Christmas Day in 1622, Lancelot Andrewes, the Bishop of Winchester, preached a sermon at the court of James I. He took as his text Matthew 2:1-2, the story of the Magi following the Star. In the middle of the sermon, Andrewes invites the listener to imagine the implications of “we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him.” He wrote:

A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.

305 years later, in 1927, St. Louis’ own T. S. Eliot (1888-1965) published *Journey of the Magi*, immortalizing Andrewes’ words.

‘A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.’
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,

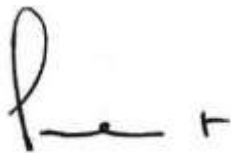
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins,
But there was no information, and so we continued
And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.

We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

*This poem is in the public domain. Published in Poem-a-Day on December 24,
2023, by the Academy of American Poets.*

May you discover many wonders in this Epiphanytide,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frost". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with a large initial "F" and a small "t" at the end.

In-Person LGBTQIA+ and Allies Gathering - Saturday, January 18, 2025
2:00 - 5:00 PM @ St. Timothy's, Creve Coeur

Members of the LGBTQIA+ communities and allies will be meeting in person to connect, share and discuss the future of this ministry. Light refreshments will be served. Contact DeWanye Trainer for details, lgbtqiaministry@diocesemo.org (mailto:lgbtqiaministry@diocesemo.org)

**Stewardship and
Generosity Pledge Update**

Pledge Drive Update

We have received 64 pledges totaling \$306,850. Our goal is 74 pledges. The Stewardship team wants to thank everyone for returning their pledge cards. It is your time, talent, and treasures that makes our parish a welcoming community to our neighbors.

If you have not pledged yet, we hope you will do so. Pledge cards can be found at the back of the church, or you can make a pledge using the button below.

- Stewardship and Generosity Committee

2025 Online Pledge Card (<https://www.trinitycwe.org/stewardship>)



Trinity Book Group meets on January 18th, the usual third Saturday of the month, when we will gather in Trinity's North Parish Hall at 6:30 pm for our potluck meal and then at 7 pm to discuss

James Mc Bride's book, "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store," winner of the National Book Award.

Wow, this new year began with a bang – literally, in my neighborhood of South St. Louis. Gunfire erupted at midnight on January 1. Then our internet was out for 4 days due to fiber-optic damage. Coincidence?



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Then the snow/ice began. Thankfully, it was sleet rather than freezing rain so no more damage, only extreme inconvenience. Still, we did something we rarely do/have done, not even in COVID. Sunday Hot Lunch was cancelled for the safety of all involved. It remained closed on Tuesday also.

Thankfully, churches and other organizations stepped up to find the room and the volunteers that they did not think they had and opened up quite a few emergency shelters for this week. They have saved countless lives. I hope that someone is keeping count of each shelter and the number of people who are sheltered there. Maybe we could get a real number of just how many folks in the St. Louis City area are actually homeless.

Speaking of counting people, every year HUD requires that all CoCs conduct an annual count of people (Point-in-Time Count) experiencing homelessness on a single night. That count is normally conducted in January at emergency shelters, transitional housing, and Safe havens. The problems with this plan are that emergency shelters are only available if the temperature is 25 degrees or below and it rarely includes families living in their vehicles or people who do not do well in shelters due to anxiety or other mental health concerns.



This year, the PIT will be conducted at numerous sites across town between January 23 through January 28. Trinity Episcopal Church/Trinity Food Ministry will be one of those host sites on January 24 beginning at noon.

If you would like to volunteer to help the administer this count at Trinity on that day, check out the attached flyer.

This is a very important opportunity. In the past, people who are unhoused have been woefully undercounted. An undercount means there are less dollars in Federal money to help overcome this overwhelming problem for too many residents of our city. You can be part of this. Please let me know if you are interested.

Love always; always Love.
Deacon Barbi

Jubilee Ministry Center

As a Jubilee Ministry Center in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, Trinity Food Ministry acts as a mentor and example of both Charity and Advocacy. An opportunity for advocacy is here.

Ameren is currently seeking at 15%+ rate increase. I don't know of anyone except for mega-corp executives who receive that much of an increase in one fell swoop. Certainly, the people we serve at Trinity Food Ministry do not. This is an outrageous rate increase request.



So, what can you do? Check out the flyer that is attached. Attend a public hearing meeting, virtually or in person. Write letters to the Public Service Commission which is supposed to regulate these investor-owned monopolies and protect consumers against their greed. If they can't see or hear you, they pretend you don't exist.

Here's a link

(https://psc.mo.gov/Electric/PSC_Sets_Local_Public_Hearing_Schedule_in_Ameren_Missouri_Electric_Rate_Case--pr-25-15) to the list of hearings (01.21 - 01.27). If you want to testify Here's a link (<https://moconsumers.org/events/2025-ameren-rate-case-testimony-training/>) to the testimony training sessions (01.07, 01.08, 01.09, and 01.16).

A summary of the proposed rate increase is as follows:

- * Annual increase for residential households approximately \$209.41, or 15.77%, annually.
- * Increase in corporate profit of 10.25%.
- * Increase in the residential fixed monthly charge from the current level of \$9.00 to \$10.43, which is an approximately 15.9% increase.

What you do matters. What you don't do matters even more.

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Food Ministry Amazon Wishlist

Scan or click on the QR code to go to the Food Ministry's Amazon Wishlist.

This Week's Core Value: Justice Oriented

We believe in confronting the structural and systemic sins of the world. Our actions, practices, and beliefs are shaped by a commitment to loving our neighbors in public, especially the poor, the vulnerable, and those carrying heavy burdens.



January 12: The First Sunday after the Epiphany

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of Grace Episcopal Church (1859) in Kirkwood and Lisa, their Rector.

* In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. John the Apostle and Evangelist (Misión San Juan Apóstol y Evangelista) in Yauco.

* In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa.



We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need:

Helen Hendry

Glenda Wiman

Thomas Kirk

Anne Hennig

Nan Sweet

Gloria Winston

Dolores Friesen

John Biggs

Steven Forsyth

Julien Worland

Joan Dunbar

The Rev. David K. Fly

Betsey Gardner

Pat Way

Ray Becvar

Denver Wright

Gwen Sims

Charlene Wright

Bruce Baldwin

Friends and Relatives:

Nolan, 2-year-old grandson of a friend of Jeff Wunrow fighting cancer
Amanda, Deacon Barbi's daughter
Karri, Deacon Barbi's daughter-in-law
Bruce Deal and Harry Forbes, New York friends of Michael Shepley
Tiffany Cruz, friend of Lisa Carpenter, breast cancer
Joe Richardson (Of Feed My People), friend of Jerry Martin, multiple health issues.
Darryl Underwood, Sharron Underwood's brother
Karla, friend of Cathy Tierney, heart issues
Ken, Molly Perling's grandfather
Jay Shuldiner, friend of Brian Alms, recovering from two falls.
Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien for comfort and healing
Hope, health challenges.
Romerico Lansang, friend of Brian Alms, lung cancer.
Phyllis, the Rev. Steve Lawler's mother-in-law
Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness
Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.
Buelane Daugherty, friend of Brian Alms, increasing dementia
The Trimble Family
Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer
Lois Underwood, Sharron Underwood's sister
Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems
Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

For Diocesan Clergy: The Rev. Helen Ludbrook, the Rev. David K. Fly, and the Rt. Rev. Hays Rockwell.

For Trinity Food Ministry and its volunteers.

For service members in harm's way.

Birthdays January 12-18: Jane Edwards, Michael Biggers.

Departed: Anne Hudson

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Readings for Sunday, Jan. 19 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11
Psalm 36:5-10



Vestry

Senior Warden: Dave Hilditch

Junior Warden: Ben Kiel

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Amy Barnes
Mary Moore
Hal Morgan

2026

Skip Coburn
Dave Hilditch

2027

Ben Kiel
Perry Trolard