#### TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# The First Sunday after the Epiphany January 12, 2025

If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a greeter. Restrooms are located downstairs.

Kid's bags are in the narthex. Please return the bags and they will be refilled for next Sunday.

Please remember that many are preparing for worship with prayer before the service.

# Hymn in Procession # 686 (standing as you are able)

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

- 2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
  Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

# **The Collect for Purity**

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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*.

(8:30 service only)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

# Song of Praise: Taize Sing Praise and Bless the Lord



By the way the notes fall on the syllables, repeated singing reveals that this refrain based on Psalm 117:1 originally set the Latin text. The refrains of the ecumenical community at Taizé, France, often use Latin because it is not the language of any current political power. The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

#### The Collect

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.

Please be seated during the reading of the Lessons and the Psalm.

#### The First Lesson: 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."

The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 29 Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \* ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \* the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He 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; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \* the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \* and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \* all are crying, "Glory!"
- The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \* the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \* the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

#### The Second Lesson: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

# **People** Thanks be to God.

# Sequence Hymn # 488 (standing as you are able)

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art—thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

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

The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (stand as you are able)

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** The Very Rev. Sarah Carper Morris

### The Nicene Creed (standing 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: 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.

# **Prayers of the People Form III**

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.* 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.* 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.* 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; *Let light perpetual shine upon them.* 

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.* 

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

#### **Confession of Sin**

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

The Peace BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

(8:30 service only)

#### **Offertory**

Celebrant **People**  All things come of Thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given Thee.

(10:30 service only)

# Offertory and Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving

### **The Holy Communion**

# **Eucharistic Prayer A**

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

#### Preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Holy, holy, holy, Lord Sanctus Tune of Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

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 Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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

People and Celebrant

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*.

### The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

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

# Fraction Anthem: Taize Sing Praise and Bless the Lord



A period of silence is kept.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may intinct from the small chalice or drink from the chalice. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

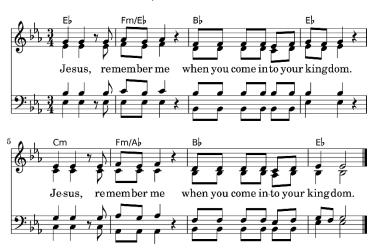
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. (Amen.) The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. (Amen.)

**Music at Communion Taize** Jesus Remember Me and Bless the Lord My Soul



#### 488 Jesus, Remember Me



After Communion, the Celebrant says

### Let us pray.

#### Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Blessing**

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen*.

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Onlybegotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen*.

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

# **Hymn in Procession** # 671 (standing as you are able)

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

- 3 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

#### PRAYERS AND REMEMBRANCES OF THE WEEK

**Immediate Needs:** Kenneth Matthews Joe Waddell Gene Barbara McGatlin Henrietta Williams Riva Cheryl Menezes Dakota Wood **Bromage Family** Cheyenne Montgomery Western NC Katie Nichols Ann Cochrane **Long Term Needs:** Will Nichols Linda Carroll Glenn F. Wade Nichols Doris Fawcett Carolyn Flippen Angie Nolfo Steve Hines Nancy Follett Phyllis Rose Carol Ford Mary Kilby Candace Sammons Dunna Gant Carrie Krahn Mac Sammons Harmon Gilbert John Moore Kris Saunder Phyllis Frye James Rev. Bill Pendleton Jeanette Staples Gus Lewis Lorene Ramsey Matthew Stevens Cynthia Light Locke Rowe Mary Theard Debra Martin Denny Shelton

> Celeste Tsaklis Kelli Vincen

Betty Town

Kitty Martin

Lorri Martin

# TRINITY FAMILY IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF OUR COUNTRY

Vicky Town

John Townsend

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Christopher Noble, Robert Poole

#### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. John's, Battleboro Church of the Holy Comforter, Burlington St. Paul's, Cary

#### BIRTHDAYS

January 6th Jerry Martin, 12th Wyatt Fallin, 14th Jim Wuenscher

#### **FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all of our outreach volunteers by Tom & Pam Dickenson.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Many thanks** to Lee Wilsonwithers for filling in for Ryan today. And thank you to Joanne Silvia, Lucinda Fallin, Wyatt Fallin and Mark Donnell for helping with the music today.

**Special thanks** to Marge Wilmoth and Lucinda Fallin for the flower arrangements and decorations for Christmas, to Beckie and James Derrick for decorating the Chrismon Tree and to the Altar Guild, the choir, Lucinda Fallin for singing a solo and to Ryan for all of the extra work for the season.

The new **flower chart** is now posted. You may sign up to give altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one.

The new edition of **Forward Day by Day** is now available in the narthex and at the entrance to the Parish Hall.

Volunteers are needed to help with the **Warming Center**. Please let Sarah know if you are able to help. We also need more \$5 McDonald's gift cards.

**Address Change-**We have closed our post office box. Please make sure any payments or correspondence come to the church's physical address: 472 N. Main Street Mount Airy, NC 27030.

The **2025 Stewardship Campaign** To date, for the current year, we have received 55 pledges totaling \$231, 155. We thank you for your past, present and future support.

**Confirmation Class-**If you are interested in Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation, please see Sarah. We will be continuing classes each Sunday morning at 9:30. This class is for anyone who wants to go deeper in their faith or to revisit or learn the basics of our Episcopal tradition.

**Trinity Book Club** - We will meet on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and continue our book, *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*, by D, Kraybill, S. Nolt, & D. Weaver-Zercher. If you have any questions, or need help finding a copy of the book, please call Wendy Tatman.

#### **MINISTERS FOR THE 8:30 SERVICE**

Today	Ministry	Next Sunday
Jessica Simandle	LECTOR	Vicky Town
Jessica Simandle	CHALICE BEARER	Mike Wilson
Benny Combs	GREETER	Ted Ashby
-	ACOLYTE	Mike Wilson

#### MINISTERS FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

This Sunday	Ministry	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Brenda Goings	LECTOR	Margie Martin
David & Jackie	CHALICE BEARER	Wendy & Karen
Ann & Josh	GREETERS	Pat & Morris
St. Mary's Guild	ALTAR GUILD	St. Mary's Guild
Ann Vaughn	VESTRY	Jane Ciancio
Roxann Moore	ACOLYTE	Karen Nealis

#### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

	TITLD III D	I I III
Today	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Medical Loan Closet
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Book Group
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Staples
•	3:00 p.m.	Medical Loan Closet
Next Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
•	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

#### TRINITY VESTRY

Jane Ciancio, Steve Delacroix, Brenda Goings, Pam Smith, Wendy Tatman, Ann Vaughn, Mike Wilson No matter where you come from or where you're going
No matter what you believe or what you doubt
No matter what you feel or just don't feel today
No matter whom you love
You are welcome into this space to be met by a God
Who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows
your mind, and...
Who wants to have a relationship with you