



AN EPIPHANY AGAPE CELEBRATION

January 6, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Church

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

An Epiphany Agape Celebration

5:30 p.m. service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant

Gathering
Scripture and Teaching
Prayer for the Concerns of the Community
The Kiss of Peace
The Offertory:

v. the Lord be with you.

r. AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

v. up with your hearts.

r. WE HAVE THEM WITH THE LORD

v. let us give thanks to the Lord

r. IT IS FITTING AND RIGHT.

We render thanks to you, O God, through your beloved child Jesus Christ, whom in the last times you sent to us as savior and redeemer and angel of your will;

Who is your inseparable Word, through whom you made all things, and in whom you were well pleased.

And you sent him from Heaven into the Virgin's womb; and, conceived in the womb, he was made flesh and was manifested as your Son, being born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin.

Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands when he should suffer, that he might release from suffering those who have believed in you.

And when he was betrayed to voluntary suffering that he might destroy death, he break the bonds of the devil, and tread down hell, and shine upon the righteous, and fix the limit, and manifest the resurrection,

he took bread and gave thanks to you, saying, 'Take, eat; this is my body, which shall be broken for you.' Likewise also the cup, saying, 'This is my blood which is shed for you; when you do this you make my remembrance.

Remembering therefore his death and resurrection, we offer to you the bread and the cup, giving you thanks because you have held us worthy to stand before you and minister to you.

And we ask that you would send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your Holy Church; that, gathering them into one, you would grant to all who partake of the holy things (to partake for) the fullness of the Holy Spirit for the confirmation of faith in truth; that we may praise and glorify you through your child Jesus Christ, through whom be

glory and honor to you, to the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, both now and to the ages of ages.

All: AMEN!

The Blessing of the olive oil:

O God, sanctifier of this oil, as you give health to those who use and receive (that) with which you anointed kings, priests, and prophets, so may it give strength to all those who taste it and health to all those who use it. To you be glory, to the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, in the Holy Church, both now and always and to all the ages of ages. **AMEN.**

The Blessing of Cheese and olives:

Sanctify this milk which has been solidified, and solidifying us also in your love.

Make this fruit of the olive not to depart from your sweetness, which is an example of your richness which you have poured from the tree of life to them that hope in you. To you be glory, to the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, in the Holy Church, both now and always and to all the ages of ages. **AMEN.**

The Blessing over the milk and honey:

Bless this milk and honey in fulfillment of the promise given our forebears to bring a land flowing with milk and honey; a land in which Christ gave his own flesh so those who believe are nurtured like little children, and its sweetness signify the end to bitterness of heart for those now filled with the gentleness of his word; to you be glory, to the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, in the Holy Church, both now and always and to all the ages of ages. **AMEN.**

The Blessing over the water:

Sanctify this water which we offer to signify the washing of the inner person; so that as the body receives strength from the bread we share, so may the soul find peace and strength; to you be glory, to the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, in the Holy Church, both now and always and to all the ages of ages. **AMEN.**

The Distribution of the Eucharist (happens in this order):

The bread:

v. The bread of heaven in Christ Jesus. **RESPOND: AMEN.**

The 3 chalices, first water, then milk & honey, and the then wine. Sip 3 times each with these words if administration:

v. In God the Father Almighty. **RESPOND: AMEN.**

v. And in the Lord Jesus Christ. **RESPOND: AMEN.**

v. And in the Holy Spirit and the Holy Church. **RESPOND: AMEN.**