

Holy Trinity Church
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The First Sunday after Epiphany

January 10, 2021
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher
Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist
Josh Spooner, Reader

Prelude: *“There’s a Star in the East”* Setting by J Carter

Processional Hymn: #93

Words: James Montgomery; Music: Henry Thomas Smart

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth; ye, who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night, God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

*** Acclamation**

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

People And blessed be God’s Kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Gloria *(said by all)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*** Collect** *(said by all)*

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

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1:1-5

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Silence

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.
 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
 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.
 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!"
 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Holy Gospel Mark 1:4-11*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ**People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 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****Sermon****Fr. Richard Signore****Prayers of the People IV, BCP, p. 388 RESONSE: Hear our prayer.****Prayer for the Parish**

O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen

Confession & Absolution**BCP, p. 360**

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 Peace (*no handshaking or hugging please – solemn bow or wave only*)

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory: “*Winter Peace*” *Brickman*

***The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B** **BCP, p. 367**

Sanctus (*said by all*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Book, p. 364

Fraction Anthem (*said by all*)

Setting: Gerald R. Near

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

Communion: “*Bunessan*”

Gaelic Melody, Harmony by Wyton (Hymn#8) no words

Prayer (*said by those at home*) *My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

The Post Communion Prayer (*Said by all worshiping in person*)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son and 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

Dismissal Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn #109

Words: English Caro, 18th cent; Music: John Stainer

**The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay,
keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the
King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and
so it continued both day and night. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

Postlude: “*Es Flog ein Kleins Waldvoegelein*” *German Folk Song (Hymn:#116) No Words*