

# Holy Trinity Church

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550

*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts*

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

**January 31, 2021**

**Annual Meeting of the Parish & Holy Eucharist RITE II**

*An asterisk \* indicates the people standing*

*Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher*

*Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist*

*Lorraine Brumskine Reader*

## The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: *"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"* Powell

**\* Processional Hymn**

**Welcome, Announcements**

**Greeting from Bishop Fisher**

**Opening Acclamation**

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

**\* Collect of the Day**

*Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## CAL TO ORDER, Roll Call, & PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

**Psalm 111 Prayer Book Page 754** *said by all, in unison*

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

## TREASURER'S REPORT & 2021 BUDGET

## PRESENTATION OF THE SLATE OF VESTRY NOMINEES AND CONVENTION DELEGATES

### The Lessons

#### **The First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

**Silence\***

#### **The Holy Gospel**

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ     *People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

\* Gospel     **Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord     *People: Praise to you Lord Christ*

**Homily/Rector's Report**     The Rev. Richard Signore

## CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND DECLARATION OF ELECTION

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

## CLOSE ANNUAL MEETING

## COMMISSIONING OF VESTRY AND DELEGATES

### **\* The Prayers of the People**

Leader: Let us pray to God, whose word was entrusted to the Apostles and has spread throughout the world. Bless this gathering and strengthen all who serve.

*Silence is kept.* Lord of mercy:

***People: Spread your word.***

Leader: Bless all who work for peace and reconciliation. Bless our deacons, clergy, and bishops. Bless all the people who love and serve you. Bless each one of us, that we may live fully according to Jesus' example.

*Silence is kept.* Lord of mercy:

***People: Spread your word.***

Leader: Open our eyes to your truth in Holy Scripture, that we may find new paths of understanding. Bring healing to those for whom we now pray. Please offer your prayers for support and healing, either silently or aloud.

*Silence is kept.* Lord of mercy:

***People: Spread your word.***

Leader: Remember, in your mercy, all those who have gone before us. Please offer your prayers of thanksgiving for the departed, either silently or aloud.

*Silence is kept.* Lord of mercy:

***People: Spread your word.***

**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*

#### **\* General Confession & Absolution**

*God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.*

\* The Peace

Announcements and introduce process for God moments:

God Moments

### **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Hymn: "Abbots Leigh"

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**The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B**

**Prayer Book p. 367**

**\*Sanctus (Said)**

*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:** *Our Father.....*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Communion Music:** *Schmucke dich"*

Prayer (said by those at home not receiving communion) *"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)

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Prayer Book p.365**

**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**

\* **Recessional Hymn**

\* **Dismissal**

Postlude: "Azmon"

We will keep the Zoom meeting open for Coffee Hour for those who wish to stay on and chat.