Holy Trinity Church

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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 30, 2022 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II on Zoom

The Reverend Judith Lee, Celebrant & Preacher
Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist
Joe DiSalvatore, Eucharistic Minister
John Grant, Reader

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of my Aunt and Uncle, Lillian & Doug Follet by Anne Bouvier-Monroe

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

Gloria *let us say together:*

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

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**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Silence

Psalm 71:1-6 said by all, in unison

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Reader A reading from Psalm 71:1-6

In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; * / let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; * / incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; */you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, */

from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, */ my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;

from my mother's womb you have been my strength; * my praise shall be always of you.

Silence

The Gospel Luke 4:21-30

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke [4:21-39]

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you Lord Christ

The Nicene Creed *Let us say together:*

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

In faith, hope and charity let us pray for Christ's Body, the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, saying, **Lord, make us one.**

That all may be one, worshipping God in spirit and in truth, so that the world may believe. For the peace that comes from God alone, for the unity of all peoples, and for the salvation of souls.

Let us pray in the will of Christ: Lord, make us one.

That we may be freed from our sins against one another; from prejudice and hasty judgment; from ignorance or pride; from isolation and exclusivity; from apathy and complacency.

Let us pray in the forgiveness of Christ: Lord, make us one.

That the leaders of all churches would lead in a manner that serves the visible unity of the Church.

Let us pray in the spirit of Christ. Lord, make us one.

That the churches may discover again their unity in the one baptism that incorporates them into Christ.

Let us pray with the heart of Christ: Lord, make us one.

That the churches may recognise each other's ministries in the service of their one Lord.

Let us pray in the peace of Christ: Lord, make us one.

That all Christians may embrace together Christ's command to care for those in need; the sick, the poor, the hungry, the lonely, the outcast, especially those who are suffering from covid-19, their caregivers, and frontline workers, and those who are suffering in this weekend's snowstorm.

Let us pray in the mercy of Christ: Lord, make us one.

That we may all commit ourselves to the non-violent way of Jesus and transform society through seeking justice and forgiveness, following the example of those who have gone before us, especially those we now name silently or aloud. *pause*

Let us pray in the peace of Christ: Lord, make us one.

Let us say together:

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.

The Confession and Absolution

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Priest 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

Announcements and 'God Moment'

You are invited to offer a brief comment about God in your life. If you have shared recently, please allow others to speak.

The Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We have lifted them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory. And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, the prayer Our Lord taught us: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for in Christ we all share in the one bread, one cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us say together:

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

Dismissal: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Announcements

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday February 6th: Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (transferred). Mother Judith Lee will preside and preach. Blessing for candles for our households will be included in the service.
- Sunday February 6th 5-6 pm Family Worship meeting on Zoom with pizza
- •Flowers on the Altar: We would like to adorn our altar with flowers again! The flower sign-up sheet is on the back table. Please use a flower envelope to leave your payment. \$28 cut; \$38 arrangement
- •Winter Parking Information Beginning December 1 and ending April 1,

Southbridge limits parking on Hamilton Street. Please see the information below to avoid a parking ticket!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH IS ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE STREET.

On Even Dates:

- Midnight to 7pm, park on the **ODD** side of the street
- 7pm to midnight park on the **EVEN** side of the street

On Odd Dates:

- Midnight to 7pm park on the **EVEN** side of the street
- 7pm to midnight park on the **ODD** side of the street

*If you are parking at the church for a class or meeting **BEFORE** 7 pm, you must obey the rules for that **DATE** for parking **before 7 pm!** You are not required to leave the class or meeting to move your car.