



## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **RITE II**

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 7, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Trinity welcomes you.*

## **WELCOME TO TRINITY**

*Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. We hope that you will feel the presence of God in this holy space. We believe that you will also find God in the community of people who worship here. Trinity is rich in the traditions of the Episcopal Church, and it is our prayer that you will feel warmly welcomed. May this place be to you a source of strength and spiritual renewal. May you also find it a place where all people are accepted. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Trinity welcomes you!*

# THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Voluntary: Jesu, joy of man's desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn 413 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877), harm., *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

Celebrant  
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

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.**

## Benedictus es Domine *(Please join in singing with the choir)*

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Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are wor-thy of  
praise; glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you for the ra - di-ance  
of your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er.  
Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your  
ma - jes-ty, glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you seat-ed bet - ween the  
Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and high ly ex - alt you for ev-er.  
Glo-ry to you, be - hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to  
you. Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi-rit;  
we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev-er.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

## Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

### *Laudate Dominum*

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

**2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

**4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.**

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

**6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

**8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;**

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

**10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

**12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.**

21 Hallelujah!

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Church at Corinth.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence

Hymn 411 O bless the Lord, my soul!

St. Thomas (Williams)

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5  
Music: melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Good morning, Trinity! A few years ago I met a lady who loved to follow the British royal family, and Queen Elizabeth in particular. And when I say follow, I mean actually follow. Not only did she collect souvenirs and memorabilia about the royal family, she also tried to get real life sightings of the Queen whenever she could. She and her partner would plan their vacations so that they could be close to the location of the Queen at that time of year and she would camp out on the routes the Queen was likely to use. If she could do so, she'd snap pictures of the Queen as she passed by. While this fascination might sound like it bordered on obsession, it was, from what I could tell, harmless and in good fun. She got excited talking about her Queen-themed tea sets and commemorative plates. But she also made it clear that she never trespassed or crossed any other legal lines. If she could snap a picture of the Queen from a distance taken with her own little camera, that was enough for her. It was a kind of hobby, like rare bird watching, but with Elizabeth II as the subject instead of a Turquoise-Browed Motmot or Long-Wattled Umbrellabird. But the key to her hobby of Queen watching was location. She knew her chances to see the Queen would obviously improve if she sought out the places where the Queen might be found.

We sometimes talk about how God meets us where we are. But I wonder if sometimes it works just as well in the same way my friend sought the Queen. Sure, God find us where we are. But sometimes we go looking for God and find what we're looking for. And then again, sometimes we don't. At times like that it might be like the old song, "Lookin' for love in all the wrong places...Lookin' for traces of what I'm dreaming of." And in our gospel story today, perhaps a bit of all this is happening. In our gospel passage, Jesus finds people where they happen to be, and people also seek him out. Sometimes they find him where they expect him to be, sometimes he is brought to them, and sometimes he can't be found at all, because people weren't looking in the right places. And in each of these circumstances we learn something of what it's like to seek God, of where we might look, what we might expect to find and what it's like when God isn't found where we're looking.

At the beginning of the gospel reading today, we learn that Simon takes Jesus to his house, where his mother-in-law is suffering, lying in bed with a fever. Jesus learns of her fever and visits her. He reaches out, takes her hand, lifts her up and the fever is gone. If you've ever been furious about something, or terrified, or in some other fever of emotion, and someone comes along and reaches out and suddenly the emotion is calmed, the fever gone, you might have a sense of what this is like. Life itself is sometimes like a fever, as we are reminded in this prayer for use in the evening from our Book of Common Prayer, "O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen." It's helpful to remember that God meets us in the fever of our lives.

But there are also times when we are the ones seeking out God and we find God where we more or less expected God to be found. In our gospel passage, the whole city gathers around the door of the house where Jesus is staying and it becomes a place of healing. Our best institutions can be like this. When I worked for three months as a chaplain at Hillcrest Hospital, I expected to encounter God in patient rooms, waiting rooms, pre-op rooms, recovery rooms, in the ICU, the burn unit, the behavioral unit, the maternity ward, the ER, and even in the dingy little room the chaplains used to grab a bit of sleep when possible during overnight shifts. I encountered God in all of those places and with the patients, family, friends, doctors, nurses, and staff. I encountered God when people were getting better and maybe more so, when they didn't. And that's just one example. I know that for us at Trinity, it is our hope and prayer that everyone who visits here will feel the presence of God in this holy space. The crowds came to Simon's house and found what they had hoped for. Many who were sick were cured and many demons were cast out.

But then in the early hours of the morning, while it is still very dark, Jesus leaves and heads to a deserted place to pray. He doesn't tell anyone where he's going. When Simon and his companions awake, they find him missing. What's more, the crowds are also searching for him, but he's nowhere to be found. So the disciples hunt for him and when they find him, they say, "Everyone is searching for you." I wonder why it took so long to look for him in that deserted place. After all, when it is very dark, and we feel isolated and very much alone, that's the place where we should expect to find Christ. Our passage from Isaiah today begins, "Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning?" If there's one lesson that drives through all the gospels, it's that we will find Jesus Christ in the places of desolation, on the margins, with those cut off, abandoned, bereft. Every liberation theologian preaches that message to the oppressed to give them hope and Christians, especially our deacons in the Episcopal Church, are called to proclaim that Christ is always in the forgotten, hidden, and overlooked spaces of our society. And if we feel those places inside ourselves, those arid spaces where connections have been lost, where we are untethered, detached, adrift, and alone, we can have the sure confidence that our isolation, as real as it may seem to us, is not the underlying truth of our lives, nor is it the ultimate expression of our reality. When the disciples traveled through the dark and looked in the deserted place, there they found Christ.

Now, I know that not everyone finds God in the same ways and in the same places. I haven't talked about finding God in the beauty of nature or in the order of the cosmos or in the love we have for our children. We may all have different experiences when reflecting on the places where God has found us, on the places where we have found God, or what it's like to feel like we can't find God at all. Still, our gospel passage today inspires a few questions. Have you ever felt feverish, only to find sudden relief from an encounter with a spirit of healing and renewal? Have you sought God in places where you hoped you would find God, and were not disappointed in the search? Did you find God the rooms and halls and buildings and grounds and people in some place filled with a spirit of healing and

renewal and with a spirit of consolation and care when healing wasn't possible? Have you ever searched for God while in the grips of feeling separate and apart, only to discover that something was there, inside your isolation, a spirit of healing and renewal that you didn't notice at first?

These have been my experiences, and I know they may not have been yours. Still, I hope that our gospel today connects in some way with your own spiritual journey. And our common life together is not just in seeking God, of course, but is also subject to the powers of this world, when we have to contend with the demons of selfishness, hatred, apathy, cruelty and pride that stalk us, trying to work their way into our souls, whispering in our minds, corroding the bonds that tie us together, stealing our value and self-worth in each other's eyes. I know those demons are real, too. So I am grateful to God, and it is my prayer that God will meet each of us where we are, that we will all find the places of healing and renewal in our lives and also discover God in the lonely places where often we forget to look. I'm grateful to the Holy Spirit who can still empower us to cast out the demons that attack lives. And I'm grateful for God in Christ, who will always take our hand and walk with us from the deserted places, taking us to where we can be made whole again.

## **The Nicene Creed**

**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

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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding Bishop; Poulson, our own Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for our military [including Kevin Gray; Daniel Konieczny; Kam Hutton;

Chaplain Jerald Bass; Andrew Bass; Megan Peixotto; Trevor Ebeling;

Jerod Battiest (pronounced Bateest); Jared Callen; Aaron Wixson;

Traci Blankenship; Brodie McNutt, and Jose Saenz, Jr.]; and for Joseph our President, Kevin our Governor, G.T. our Mayor, and 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 (Barbara Sue; Odell; Nancy; Paulette; Alicia; Jeremy;

Marjoree; Danny; Teresa; Shirley; Philippe; Marie; Taylor; Jim and Mary;

Elaine and Danny; Cameron; Alia; Kennetha; Finley; Susan, Diane,

David and Katie; Jo; Mary; Camdon; Madison; David; Colby; Rob; Nancy;

John; James; Stephan; Maureen; Charles and All Medical and Cleaning Staffs;), and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed (including \_\_\_\_\_) 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.**

*Silence*

Let us pray for our needs and those of others, either silently or aloud.

*The People may add their own petitions*

We give thanks for all who are worshipping with us today, especially for those worshipping with us for the first time.

*The Deacon says*

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant 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 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.**

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

**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 Peace**

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Announcements**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Anthem:** Exultate justi

Ludovico Viadana (1564-1645)

Exsultate justi in Domino rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino, in cithara, in psalterio decem chordarum. Psallite illi, cantate ei, canticum novum, bene psallite ei, in vociferatione.

*Praise the Lord you righteous praise God with son for the Lord is worthy to be praised. Raise your voice and sing God's praise with lute and harp; play along on the ten stringed psaltery. Play with excitement, sing with elation, join in a new song. Play with skill and beauty, sing loudly with joy and gladness.*

### **Blessing**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.  
 Music: Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

**Dismissal**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
 People **Thanks be to God.**

**Organ Voluntary:** Fugue in b minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

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