

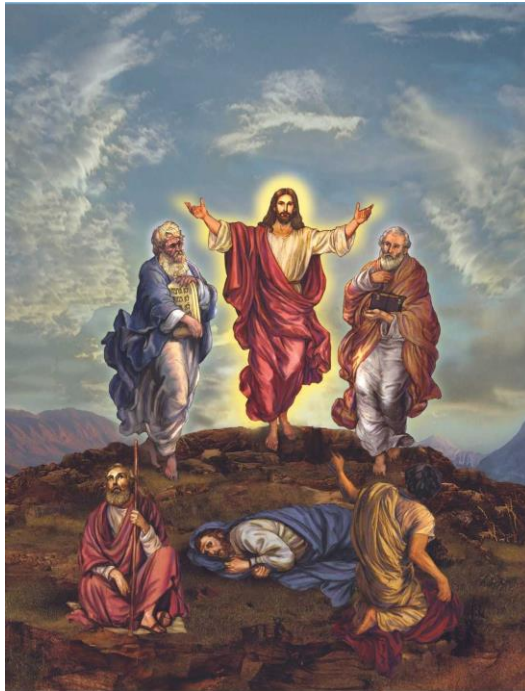
The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

The Last Sunday After Epiphany

March 2, 2025

9:30 am

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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord" Psalm 122:1

Holy Eucharist Rite II

"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."

Prelude

Beautiful Savior

Dale Wood

Welcome

Processional

When Morning Gilds The Skies

H427

The Word of God

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

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture

First Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When

Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 99

¹ The LORD is King; let the people tremble; **he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.*

² The LORD is great in Zion; **he is high above all peoples.*

³ Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; **he is the Holy One.*

⁴ "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; **you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."*

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; **he is the Holy One.*

⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, **they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.*

⁷ He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; **they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.*

⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; **you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.*

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; **for the LORD our God is the Holy One.*

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

arr. C. Courtney

Melissa Wise, Soprano

Gospel

Luke 9:28-43

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and

will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Reverend Kevin Cross

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 Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped 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

Shine in your church, O God; embolden us, in a dark world, to speak truthfully and to act with the courage of love. This day and always, *Christ, be our Light.*

Shine on your world, O God; heal the warring of nations and the wounding of the earth to give us peace at last. This day and always, *Christ, be our Light.*

Shine for your people, O God; make us one human family who clothe each other with mercy and feed each other with justice. This day and always, *Christ, be our Light.*

Shine on our hearts, O God; help us to reach to the heavens and deep in our souls to seek you, to find you, and to know you. This day and always, *Christ be our Light.*

Shine for the afflicted, O God; remind them of your deep compassion and how you tenderly bear all our sorrows.

We pray for those in need of healing this day:

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| <i>Joel</i> | <i>Rich Wagner</i> | <i>Connor Frank</i> |
| <i>Deborah Barbour</i> | <i>Susan Deerin</i> | <i>David Blanton</i> |
| <i>Mary Ann Hensinger</i> | <i>Trisha B.</i> | <i>Eleanor Dallam</i> |
| <i>Barbara Sheridan</i> | <i>Michael Delean</i> | <i>Lisa McDougall</i> |
| <i>Brendan Fuller</i> | <i>Kai Nathan Gunn</i> | <i>George Curlin</i> |
| <i>Will Straub</i> | <i>Donna Richards</i> | <i>Gordon Fronk</i> |
| <i>Sarah Kadish</i> | <i>Mike Landau</i> | <i>Meredith Collins</i> |
| <i>Tim Wilson</i> | <i>Keri Ann Thomas</i> | |
| <i>Ritzi Miller</i> | <i>Carole Pfeiffer</i> | |

Are there any others? You may name them now aloud or silently in your heart...

This day and always, *Christ be our Light.*

Shine in the saints and departed, *David Stephen Hopkins*, O God; teach us to follow their lead to outrageous faith and eternal love. Are there others? You may name them now aloud or silently in your heart... This day and always, *Christ be our Light.*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of war-torn areas of the world. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace. *Dear God, hear our prayer.*

A moment for personal meditation is observed

Concluding Collect (read by priest):

O Christ for whom we search, our help when help has failed; give us courage to expose our need and ask to be made whole; that, being touched by you, we may be raised to new life in the power of your name. *Amen.*

Confession

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.

Absolution

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*

Peace

Presider: The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Carry Me Home

J. Shafferman

Holy Trinity Choir

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Presider: All things come from Thee O Lord.

People: And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God 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.

Preface

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

Sanctus

*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.
Hosana in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death,

resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.*

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The gifts of God are for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I reaffirm your presence in my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion

Break Now The Bread of Life

E. Childs

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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

Investiture of the 2024 Vestry

Thank you Corrie James and Susie Wheeler for hosting Fellowship hour.

Thank you Melissa for sharing your beautiful voice.



New QR Code for Donations

Holy Trinity has set up this QR code. You will see this on our bulletins and other publications as well as our web page. Scanning this QR code with your phone will take you to a donation page where you can use a credit or debit card to make a donation. We thank you for your generosity.

A major step we have taken for safety in the Church and Parish Hall Buildings is the installation of an air handling system, the Remo-Halo, which is a new and advanced air treatment purification system. The CDC recommends this type of Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation as one of the most effective technologies to minimize the spread of airborne microorganisms. This system has been proven to be very effective in killing the coronavirus as well as flu and cold viruses. The air is fully exchanged 6 times per hour.

Birthdays

Barbara Hayes, 3/5

Kathy Schroder, 3/7

Anniversaries

Poppy Kellogg, 3/7

Birthday Blessing

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant _____ as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Happy Birthday to you,
Remember Jesus
loves you
He made you so special
Happy Birthday to you!*

Anniversary Blessing

Gracious God, Father of all we give thanks for another year of lives shared in human love and in your love that never fails. Bless this couple in all that is yet to come, confirming and strengthening them in the vows which they have made to one another in your name. Bless all who have shared the delight of this married life and been enriched by its mutual love. As they rejoice on this anniversary, give them grace to continue in support and prayer and to find in this family a sign of the family of all Christian people united in fellowship and love. Amen

We would like to pray for you. We invite you to email office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org with the date of your birthday or anniversary.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies

H7

Sending Forth

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

First Sunday of the month 9:30 am

This Week at Church of the Holy Trinity

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| <p><u>Monday - March 3</u> 5:00 pm - Men's Bible Study</p> <p><u>Tuesday - March 4</u> 5:00 pm - Shrove Tuesday Supper</p> <p><u>Wednesday - March 5</u> 9:00 am - Ash Wednesday Service 5:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p><u>Thursday - March 6</u> 8:45 am - Office Angels 6:00 pm - Diocesan Convention on line</p> | <p><u>Friday - March 7</u> OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm - Diocesan Convention Eucharist</p> <p><u>Saturday - March 8</u> OFFICE CLOSED 8 am - 5 pm Diocesan Convention</p> <p><u>Sunday - March 9</u> 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist</p> |
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Vestry Members

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| John Dillon, Senior Warden | Connie Greenhawk, Secretary | Margaret Munsch, Registrar |
| Dick Deerin, Treasurer | Bill Ritchie & Michelle Mactavish, Co-Junior Wardens | Gordon Fronk - Emeritus |
| Ginny Wagner | Margot McConnel | Lee Phillips |
| Martha Callahan | Tom DeMarco | Susan Grauel |
| Dick Deerin | Art Dent | Trish Malin |

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

| Worship Leaders | 9:30 am | |
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| Reader | Bill Ritchie | |
| Acolyte | Mickey Terrone and Justine Callahan | |
| Usher | Walda Roseman and Mike McConnel | |
| Vestry Greeter | Michelle Mactavish | |
| Altar Guild | Ginny Wagner, Nancy Roberts, Karen Walbridge | |