

The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

February 2, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 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."

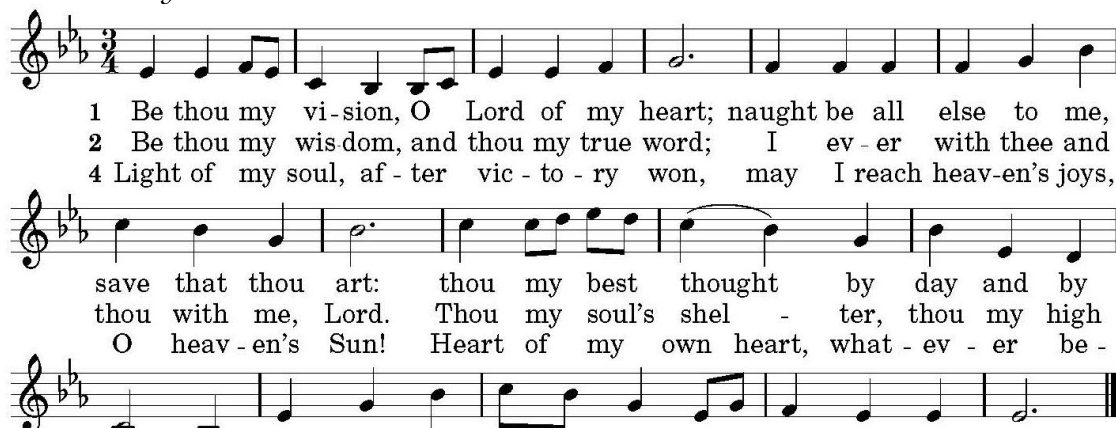
Prelude

Lead, Kindly Light

Arr. P. Cardall

Processional Hymn

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,
2 Be thou my wis-dom, and thou my true word; I ev-er with thee and
4 Light of my soul, af-ter vic-to-ry won, may I reach heav-en's joys,
save that thou art: thou my best thought by day and by
thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shel-ter, thou my high
O heav-en's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-ev-er be-
night, wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pres-ence my light.
tower, raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
fall, still be my vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.

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The Word of God

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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



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Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Let us pray:

Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Scripture

First Lesson

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what

happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD. “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? **who may abide upon your holy hill?*

² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, **who speaks the truth from his heart.*

³ There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; **he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.*

⁴ In his sight the wicked is rejected, **but he honors those who fear the LORD.*

⁵ He has sworn to do no wrong **and does not take back his word.*

⁶ He does not give his money in hope of gain, **nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.*

⁷ Whoever does these things **shall never be overthrown.*

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who

is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection

Faithfulness

J. Raney

Melissa Wise, Soprano

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught

them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Right Reverend Bud Shand

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

Prayer for Discernment

O God our Comforter, who guides us in the ways of justice and truth and holds us close in times of uncertainty: Inspire us with your grace and wisdom, that we might do everything according to your will and ground ourselves in your love. Give us a sense of openness about the future ministries and mission of the Diocese of Easton. Help us remember that we do not hold all of the answers, nor do we need to. Encourage us when we are anxious about change, reminding us that all things are in your hands: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

That the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. *Lord hear our prayer.*

That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination. *Lord hear our prayer.*

That the Lord and Giver of Life, may renew the face of the earth and make it a place where the poor are fed, the strangers are welcomed. *Lord hear our prayer.*

Lord of life, *Hear us in your love.* Remember in your love all those who suffer from illness, loneliness and a lack of hope and joy. Today we pray especially for:

<i>Joel</i>	<i>Michael Delean</i>	<i>Gordon Fronk</i>
<i>Deborah Barbour</i>	<i>Donna Richards</i>	<i>Sue Schulze</i>
<i>Brendan Fuller</i>	<i>Carole Pfeiffer</i>	<i>Polly Obermeier</i>
<i>Will Straub</i>	<i>Gary Kaufman</i>	<i>Shaun</i>
<i>Ritzi Miller</i>	<i>Heather Pusey</i>	<i>Jim Britt</i>
<i>Rich Wagner</i>	<i>Lisa Strang</i>	<i>Lisbeth Drake</i>
<i>Kai Nathan Gunn</i>	<i>Andy Coleman</i>	<i>Lisa McDougall</i>
<i>Connor Frank</i>	<i>Betty Jo Mackart</i>	<i>Mike McMillen</i>
<i>Eleanor Dallam</i>	<i>Elspeth Ritchie</i>	<i>Steve Smith</i>
<i>Ron Fisher</i>	<i>Owen M.</i>	<i>Mike Young</i>

Are there others? You are invited to name them now aloud or in the silence of your heart...*Lord hear our prayer.*

That each baptized Christian may develop more fully his or her response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ, *Lord hear our prayer.*

That our God, may bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of God's presence. Remember in your love those who have died, *Maureen Cross and Mary Frances Packard.* We also remember those in our armed forces who have died in service to their country.

Are there others? You are invited to name them aloud or silently in your heart...*Lord hear our prayer.*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people in the war torn areas of the world today. 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 will hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace. *Dear God, hear our prayer.*

A period for personal meditation is observed

*The Altar Flowers Are Given By Missy Warfield In Thanksgiving
For Family and Friends*

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 Lord be always with you.

People: And also, with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

One Bread, One Body

J. Foley

The Holy Trinity Choir

Doxology *(please stand)*

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 thy own we have given Thee.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

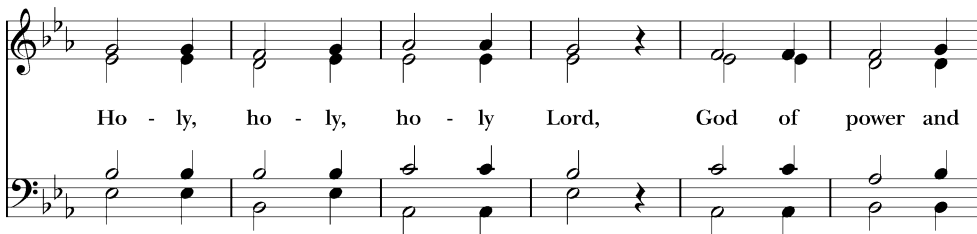
People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____

_____ in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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, Jesus 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 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;

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 into the circle of Christ's love, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all 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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

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: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Communion

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 *(To be said with those joining us from home and hospital bed)*

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.

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.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Linda Wilson, 2/7	Pemmy & Jack Noble, 2/2
Gannon Webb, 2/7	

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


Blessing

Sending Forth


Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

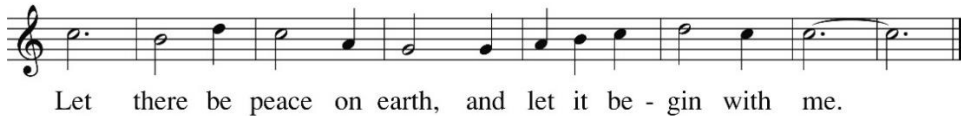
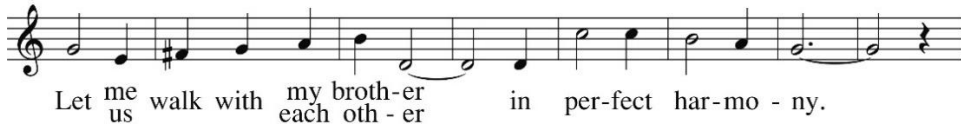
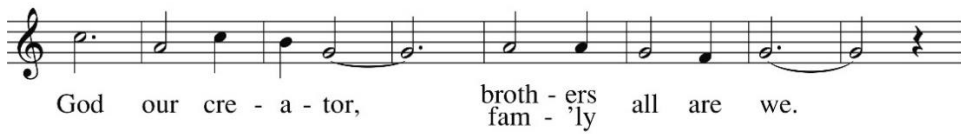
Let There Be Peace on Earth



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.



Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. Witl



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Postlude

Thank you to Susie Wheeler and Corrie James for Hosting Fellowship Hour.

Thank you Melissa Wise for sharing your voice with us.

Worship Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:00 am Sundays with First Sunday of month on lawn weathering permitting or broadcast at 9:30 am; Morning Prayer Tuesdays at 8:30 am via Zoom

This Week at Church of the Holy Trinity

<p><u>Monday – February 2</u> 5:00 pm - Men’s Bible Study</p> <p><u>Tuesday – February 3</u> 8:30 am – Prayer Group 9:30 am – Grief Group</p> <p><u>Wednesday – February 4</u> 8:30 am – Women on a Journey</p> <p><u>Thursday – February 5</u></p> <p><u>Friday – February 6</u> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><u>Saturday – February 7</u> OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p><u>Sunday –February 8</u> 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist 11:00 am – Empty Bowls</p> <p>Please Note: Organ Installation 2/2 to 2/5. No Entry to Church at this time.</p>
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Vestry Members

Margot McConnel	Connie Greenhawk, Secretary	Margaret Munsch, Registrar
Dick Deerin, Treasurer	Bill Ritchie & Michelle Mactavish, Co-Junior Wardens	Gordon Fronk – Emeritus
Martha Callahan	Tom DeMarco	Susan Grauel
Dick Deerin	Art Dent	Trish Malin
Laura Cassidy	Walda Roseman	Al Sikes

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

Worship Leaders	9:30 am	
Reader	Susie Dillon	
Acolyte	Mickey Terrone	
Usher	June DeHart	
Vestry Greeter	Walda Roseman	
Altar Guild	Nancy Roberts, Karen Walbidge, Linda Wilson, Ginny Wagner	
Flower Guild	Ingrid Blanton, Victoria Chandler, Pam Dent, Suzanne Litty, Susan Middleton, Chloe Pitard	
Healing Ministry	Margaret Munsch, Connie Vaught	