



HOLY TRINITY
ANGLICAN CHURCH

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The First Sunday of Epiphany
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
January 10, 2021
Morning Prayer

WELCOME

Dear Friends,

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Anglican Church! If this is your first time with us we are especially delighted to have you here.

We gather in the midst of a difficult season in the life of our country and the world. As the Coronavirus pandemic rages on we find ourselves trying to navigate wisely between our deep human need to gather as God's people for worship and our fundamental concern to keep each other safe from infection. This is tricky! In order to gather in person we have had to make a number of changes to the way we worship and congregate on Sunday mornings.

Our service of Morning Prayer will last about 55 minutes. It has been simplified from the Prayer Book service in order to reduce time and limit congregational speaking. We will no longer have acolytes or a processional. Several other elements of the service have been removed for the time being, including the Invitatory Psalm and the Creed.

Here are some simple instructions for keeping everyone safe and healthy.

- Please wear a mask at all times when you are inside the building. We understand that especially young children may struggle with this, and we leave mask-wearing for them to the parents' discretion.
- Please note which rows of chairs may be used for seating and be sure to keep a distance of 3 chairs between yourself and the next individual/family group.
- We firmly believe that singing with masks will not increase the risk of infection in our space, and we have made this decision with the helpful input of trusted medical experts. So please, feel free to make a "joyful noise to the Lord!"
- If you need to leave the service for any reason please exit using whichever aisle is most expedient.
- At the conclusion of the service please exit the church via the side aisles. If you would like to catch up with others please find them outside!

This way of worshipping together is different from what we are used to, but the God we worship is the same yesterday, today and forever! So we gather with confidence and joy in him!

Yours in Christ,
John

A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Great are you, Lord

*You give life, you are love, You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore ev'ry heart that is broken, and great are you, Lord*

CHORUS: *It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

BRIDGE: *And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing,
Great are you, Lord (repeat)*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *(all sing)*

Come, Christians, join to sing

**Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice:
Praise is his gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing for evermore: Alleluia! Amen!**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Officiant: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Isaiah 60:3

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

(Congregation kneels or sits and begins with a moment of silent confession)

CONFESSION OF SIN *(please kneel or sit)*

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Officiant: 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.**

INVITATORY *(standing)*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord has shown forth his glory:

All: O come, let us adore him.

Psalm 147:1-11 *Laudate Dominum* *(read responsively)*

1 Praise the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; *
indeed, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

- 2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem, *
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals those who are broken in heart, *
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 great is his power; *
indeed, his wisdom is infinite.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the meek, *
and brings the ungodly down to the ground.
- 7 O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; *
sing praises with the harp unto our God,
- 8 Who covers the heavens with clouds, and prepares rain for the earth, *
and makes the grass to grow upon the mountains, and plants for the use of men,
- 9 Who gives food to the cattle *
and feeds the young ravens that call upon him.
- 10 He has no pleasure in the strength of a horse; *
neither does he delight in any man's strength.
- 11 But the LORD's delight is in those who fear him *
and put their trust in his mercy.

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Old Testament: Exodus 33:12-17

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people,

from every other people on the face of the earth?”¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament: Philippians 2:1-11

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Children’s Worship (11:00 am service only)

Children grades K-5 are invited to a time of kid worship at this time. Please join Miss Beth at the front of the sanctuary and she will direct you. Please promptly pick up your son or daughter in the courtyard after the service.

GOSPEL SONG *(sung by all)*

I heard the voice of Jesus say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
And in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live.
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till pilgrim days are done.

THE GOSPEL *(please stand)*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. John W. Yates III

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Said by all professing Christians)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(all are invited to sit or kneel)*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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.**

Officiant: O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People: And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: And let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: O Lord, save your people;

People: And bless your inheritance.

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: And defend us by your mighty power.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People: **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Lord Jesus, we pray for all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially Lydia Aldridge; Dot Andrews on the death of her sister, Julia Powell May; Richard Barefoot; Diana Barnhart; Judah Best; Linda Blount; The Brickley Family; Mel Broughton; June Brown; Barbara Cooley; Rob Dickinson; Bill Dixon; Mabel Geoghegan; Thomas Golson; Susan Steele Grady; Ira Hardy; Reagan Huemann; Sterling Kane; William Kane; Holland McPeake; Pat and Mary B. Raiford; Chloe Renken; Anne Roux; Lindsay Roux; Gabrielle Rowe; Jo Ann Shea; Wendy Shull; Peter Watson; Tana Weber; Mildred Whitmire; Barbara Williford; John Wood; Randi Wood and Judah Yonan.

We pray for all those expecting the birth of a child, especially, Catherine and Jimmy Doster; Michelle and Kevin Norris; Jamison and Steve Whitley. Grant comfort and peace to all who desire to conceive, or adopt, and in your time, we pray, give them the joy of children.

We pray for our loved ones serving in the military, especially Gabriel Rodriguez — keep them safe, enfold them with your protection and fill them with courage each day.

Please add your own petitions or thanksgivings.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(please stand, said by all)*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love**

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

All: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.” Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14

CLOSING HYMN *(all sing)*

Praise the Father, praise the Son

O sov'reign God, O matchless King the saints adore, the angels sing,
And fall before the throne of grace to You belongs the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide under Your wings I will abide,
And ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

CHORUS: *Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One;
Clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.*

To the valley, for my soul; your great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever flows. *CHORUS*

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power, yours is the glory forever! *(Repeat)*

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the good news of Christ!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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