



HOLY TRINITY
ANGLICAN CHURCH

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The First Sunday of Epiphany

January 12, 2025

Holy Communion — 9:00 am

WELCOME

Welcome!

We're so glad you've joined us this morning. Whether you've been following Christ for years or are investigating the Christian faith for the first time you are welcome at Holy Trinity.

As an Anglican church our time together in worship is shaped by ancient liturgies accompanied by old hymns, new choruses and the preaching of God's word. On most Sunday mornings we share Holy Communion together, but on the final Sunday of each month we worship following the service of Morning Prayer. Our services come from the Anglican Church in North America's 2019 Book of Common Prayer. Everything you need to know for our service—like when to sit or stand, song lyrics, corporate prayers and readings can be found here in your bulletin.

Our nursery is open during the whole service for children up to 5 years old. There is a "Little Sanctuary" for nursing moms and young children in between the exit doors on the side closest to the nursery. Kids grades K-5 will be invited to their own time of bible teaching before the sermon. All leaders are vetted and trained folks who will love your kids well! Please make sure you have checked in your son or daughter at the check-in station near the young children's wing.

Want to know more about us? Please complete one of the welcome cards located on the large table in the Courtyard Lobby, or speak with a member of our clergy after worship. Thanks again for visiting with us this morning. I look forward to meeting you!

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Dr. John Yates III

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

WELCOME

INTROIT

What star is this

What star is this, with beams so bright, more beautiful than the noonday light?
It shines to herald forth the King, and Gentiles to his crib to bring.

True spake the prophet from afar who told the rise of Jacob's star;
And eastern sages with amaze upon the wondrous token gaze.

O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek thy face,
Let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of thy light to use.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Officiant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *(prayed together)*

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.

THE GLORIA *(sung by all)*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, Heav - en - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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.**

THE LESSON *(please sit)*

The Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-5

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Red Bible, page 619

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Worship

Children grades K-5 are invited to join the teachers and follow the cross at the front of the sanctuary for their own time of kid's worship. They will return to the sanctuary during the announcements.

THE GOSPEL HYMN

Christus Victor

O Most High, King of the ages,
Great I AM, God of wonders,
By the blood You have redeemed us,
Led us through mighty waters.
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

*Chorus: Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won, Hallelujah, Amen.
With every tribe and every tongue,
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son, Hallelujah, Amen.*

O Most High, dwelling among us,
Son of man, sent for sinners,
By Your blood You have redeemed us,
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior,
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious. *Chorus*

O Most High King, of the nations,
Robed in praise, crowned with splendor.
On that day, who will not tremble
When You stand, Christ the Victor,
Who was, and is and is forever. *Chorus*

A-men, a-men, a- - - a- men (repeat 4x)

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THE GOSPEL

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 2:1-15

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Red Bible, page 807

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. John W. Yates III

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.

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

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For Steve, our Archbishop and Bishop, and Terrell, our Area Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty and most merciful God, you have told us not to think of ourselves only, but to remember the needs of others. We pray for all in want or need, for all who have strayed from your way, for the sick in body or mind, for the poor and lonely, for those in distress and despair or any other adversity especially JP Archer; Denis Brickley; Larry Crumpler; Gay Eatman; Woody Eatman; Liz Holzner; Ann Johnson; Holland McPeake; Mary B. Raiford; Brittany Swanger; Ed Weems and Warren Williamson. We praise you for the life of Sally Beane Whitt and ask for comfort for her family and friends as they grieve.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those expecting the birth of a child, especially Donna Lynn and Justin Barfield; Erin and Jack Carson; Lane and William Dixon; Breanna and Micah Linn and Ida and Hunter Winstead.

We pray for our loved ones serving in the military, especially Jeb Baker, Samuel Bedor, Chase Duncan, Derek Eason and Brennan Hodges — keep them safe, enfold them with your protection and fill them with courage each day.

Please add your own petitions or thanksgivings silently.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

(Silent Confession)

CONFESSION *(said by all, kneeling)*

**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, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We thank you for these new members of Holy Trinity. We ask that you give them humble hearts that hunger for truth, thirst for righteousness, and break for those who do not know the hope we have in Christ.

Just as Jesus equipped and sent his first followers to bring the Good News of salvation from Jerusalem into Judea and all the world, so you send us forth into the world to proclaim, exalt and serve you.

O Holy God, breathe your life-giving Spirit on these your beloved servants. Empower them for the mission of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and equip them to serve you in their various vocations for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

2 Corinthians 8:9

Officiant: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Three kings from Persian lands,
Gustav Holst

In Bethlehem, that noble place, of Virgin Mary, full of grace,
within a stable all forlorn, the Saviour of the World is born.

Refrain: Be we merry in this feast, in which the Savior Christ is born.

Three Kings from Persian lands afar Following the distant star:
And this the quest of travellers three, Where the new-born king may be. *Refrain*

The star shines out with steadfast ray, The kings to Bethlehem make their way;
And there in worship they bend the knee, Unto the child they'd come to see. *Refrain*

The star of mercy, the star of grace, Shall lead thy heart to its resting-place:
Gold, incense, myrrh thou cannot bring So give thy heart unto the King. *Refrain*

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND GIFTS (*Doxology*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

(The people remain standing.)

Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts to you as we gather at your table. You are worthy at all times and in all places to receive glory, honor, thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord: For He is Your living Word from before time and for all ages; by Him you created all things, and by Him you make all things new.

When we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death you, in your tender mercy, gave Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, offered once and for all time, for the sins of the whole world. By His death He reconciled us to you, satisfying your just demands. By His rising to new life He has secured eternal deliverance for His people.

We thank You Father, that on the night before He died, Jesus took bread; and when He had given You thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After the meal, He took the cup, and again giving You thanks He gave it to His disciples, saying, "Drink from 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore Father, we thank You for these gifts of bread and wine. By the power of your Holy Spirit we pray that all who eat and drink them, believing our Savior's word, may share His body and blood. **Amen.**

(please kneel)

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

**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.**

Friends, at just the right time, when we were weak and unable to help ourselves Christ Jesus died for the ungodly. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Jesus Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Receiving Communion: The ushers will guide your row either to the front of the church or to the rear via the center aisle. Please extend your hands to receive the wafer, which you will then dip in the chalice. Once you have received Holy Communion, please return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available.

During Communion two prayer ministers will be available to pray with anyone who would like prayer for any reason. They will be stationed in the Prayer Corner, which is in the left transept.

COMMUNION MUSIC

When Christ's appearing was made known (sung by choir)

*When Christ's appearing was made known, King Herod trembled for his throne;
But he who offers heavenly birth sought not the kingdoms of this earth.*

*The eastern sages saw from far and followed on his guiding star;
By light their way to Light they trod, and by their gifts confessed their God.*

*All glory, Jesus, be to thee for this thy glad epiphany:
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost forevermore.*

Hallelujah, our God reigns (sung by all)

**I will come into Your presence, I will worship You, my King,
I will tell of all Your goodness, and with gladness, I will sing!
With the joyful congregation, I will lift a shout of praise,
To the Rock of my Salvation, forever, all my days, I will love You, God. (Repeat)**

**I will love You, Lord, my Strength, I will love You, Lord, my Shield,
I will love You, Lord, my Rock, forever, all my days, I will love You, God. (Repeat)**

**Hallelujah, our God reigns, Hallelujah, our God reigns,
Hallelujah, our God reigns, forever, all my days, Hallelu-jah. (Repeat)**

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King of kings (sung by all)

**In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word,
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.**

**Chorus: Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of Glory, Majesty! Praise forever to the King of kings!**

**To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.**

For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side,
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

*Chorus: Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of Glory, Majesty! Praise forever to the King of kings!*

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath,
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.
And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame,
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom, I am free!
For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me! **Chorus x2**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have
given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the good news of Christ!
People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

*Immediately following the service we invite any who
desire confidential prayer for any reason to come to the left transept area
to pray with a member of our healing prayer team.*

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