



## Second Sunday after Epiphany

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10:00AM

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#### Introduction

*The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.*

#### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PRELUDE

#### \*THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.  
**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

**THE GATHERING SONG:**

**#641**

*All Are Welcome*

**\* THE GREETING**

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**THE WORD**

**First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup> **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup> **They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup> **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page #151a

C: **Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

\* P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 2nd chapter

\* C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

**Gospel: John 2:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord!

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOOD NEWS 101**

**THE SERMON**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY:** #462

*Now We Join in Celebration*

\* **THE APOSTLES' CREED** page 217

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation

God of grace,  
**Hear Our Prayer**

\* **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING  
SPECIAL MUSIC**

\* **THE OFFERTORY:** Let the Vineyards be Fruitful # 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**THE MEAL**

\* **THE OFFERING PRAYER**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always. **Amen**

- \* **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Sung) page 152  
 The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\* **THE PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

- \* **THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Sung) page 153  
 Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 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.  
 Hosanna in the highest.

\* **THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

- \* **THE LORD'S PRAYER** page 154  
 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,  
 forever and ever. Amen.

\* **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The Joy of the Lord is our strength.  
 Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**THE LAMB OF GOD** (sung) page 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
 have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
 have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

\* **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

**THE SENDING**

\* **THE BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God  
 ✠ bless you with joy,  
 anoint you with compassion,  
 and send you in love.  
**Amen.**

\* **THE SENDING SONG:** #576

*We All Are One in Mission*

• **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in Hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**THE POSTLUDE**

**Serving Today: January 19, 2025**

**Communion Assistant:** Laura Poethke

**Acolyte:** Scarlett Johnson

**Lector:** Laura Poethke

**Usher:** Steve Anderson & Bonnie Mazza

**Musician:** Danny Allen

**Sound System:** Laura Poethke

**Serving Next Week: January 26, 2025**

**Acolyte:** Allyson Schmalz

**Lector:** Bonnie Mazza

**Ushers:** Lynn Haab

**Musician:** Danny Allen

**Sound System:** Bonnie Mazza

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLEASE CALL** the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

**SUNDAY MORNING:** 9am Sunday School & Worship 10AM every Sunday.

**MORE INFORMATION:** on these and other upcoming worship times and events can be found on the church Facebook page [HolyTrinityBT](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityBT) and the church website: [www.holytrinityelc.org](http://www.holytrinityelc.org)

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST:**

Today immediately following worship. Our budget, spending plan and goals for our church will be discussed and voted on.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME:** Have you ever thought about joining one of our worship teams. We are always looking for new people to help usher, read, help with communion or acolyte. Please see Bonnie Mazza if you are interested.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Our food pantry is open the third Sunday of each month. We are in need a few people to come and take inventory of what we have left so we can restock. If you are able to help out please call the office.

**END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** If you want a 2024 year-end financial statement of your donations, please email Hank Bariexca at: [htelctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:htelctreasurer@gmail.com) or call the Church office at (609) 387-1202 with your request. If you don't supply an email address the statements will be left in the Narthex for you to pick up.

**COUNTERS NEEDED:** We are looking for volunteers to help count offering on Sunday after worship or Monday mornings around 10am. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry please reach out to Bonnie in the office to schedule a day and time to help out.



**THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY**

- Today** 9:00AM Sunday School  
10:00AM Worship  
11:15AM Congregational Meeting and Breakfast
- Monday:** 7:00-9:00pm Burlington Entertainers
- Wednesday** 5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety
- Friday** 7:00—10:00PM AA
- Next Sunday:** 9:00AM Sunday School  
10:00AM Worship



Mark your calendars for the first  
Sunday school special event of 2025:  
**Saturday, February 1st**

Our young people will meet at 2:00PM to prepare a  
shared meal for the congregation.

Families and friends are invited to enjoy the fruits of  
our labor at 6:00PM. See you there!



Holy Trinity has accepted our Bishop's  
challenge from our Synod to go green. We  
are returning to the use of glass communion  
cups and products that are biodegradable.

We are asking for members of the church to  
bring in one coffee mug each to help us stop  
using so many paper cup products. These  
mugs will be put out for fellowship events.

Another step the church is looking into is replacing our hallway  
water fountain with a water bottle filling station. This would  
encourage our members and staff to bring a bottle and fill it up.  
This would help cut the cost and recycling of store bought plastic  
water containers.

