

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two January 10, 2021 - 10:30am

Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God.

Prelude, Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684 (Christ our Lord Came to the Jordan)

∞ The Acclamation

Celebrant	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
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.

 ∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *People* **Amen.**

The Word of God

∞ The First Reading *The People sit.*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Genesis 1:1-5

∞ The Gradual, *Psalm* 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, * ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; * worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; * the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; * the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; * the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord * all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; * the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; * the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Астѕ 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

 ∞ The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

ohn the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, onfessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Deacon	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

 ∞ The Sermon

The Reverend John M. Pitzer

∞ Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Ellis Larson Muething, son of Sarah Allen Harper and Joseph Zachary Muething

Infants and Younger Children: Candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and	I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Godparents	

When the candidate has been presented,

Celebrant Parents and	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? I will, with God's help.
Godparents	I will, with God's help.
·· <u>F</u> ··· · · · ·	
Celebrant	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents and	I will, with God's help.
Godparents	

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of infants and younger children.

Question Answer	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? I renounce them.
Question	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question Answer	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? I do.

Question Answer	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? I do.
Question Answer	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? I do.

The People stand. The Celebrant asks the Congregation

People	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in their life in Christ? We will.
Celebrant	Let us join with he who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

∞ The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant People	Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant People	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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.
Celebrant People	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.
Celebrant People	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.

Celebrant	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People	I will, with God's help.

 ∞ The Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant	Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Leader People	Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Open his heart to your grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Send him into the world in witness to your love. Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader People	Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.
Celebrant	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

 ∞ Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant b	plesses the water, first saying
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *People* **Amen.**

∞ The Baptism

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

The Celebrant says Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

∞ The Peace

∞ Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem, O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace, Christopher Tye

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, Eternal source of love, Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts With fire from heaven above.

As thou dost join with holiest bonds The Father and the Son, So fill us all with mutual love And knit our hearts in one. ∞ The Great Thanksgiving (ркауек в)

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 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.

The Celebrant proceeds with the Proper 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, from the Short Service

Adrian Batten

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts! 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 People stand or kneel.

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 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 for ever. Amen.

∞ 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

∞ The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

∞ A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Celebrant In communion with those who are participating online, and cannot physically receive the Sacrament, we pray: O my Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

∞ The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and was raised for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

∞ The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As you approach the altar area, everyone must use the hand sanitizer station before receiving communion. The consecrated hosts will be in a paper cup on the altar. As you approach the altar, please take one paper cup. Once you have consumed the host, you will place the paper cup in the receptacle located near the altar.

Communion Motet, O Sacrum Convivium, Giovanni Croce

O sacred banquet! in which Christ is received, The memory of his Passion is renewed, The mind is filled with grace, And a pledge of future glory to us is given. Alleluia! ∞ The Post Communion Prayer

All stand.

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

 ∞ The Blessing

 ∞ The Dismissal

DeaconLet us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude, Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV 680 (We All Believe in One God)

J. S. BACH

Announcements and Events

Due to changes in COVID-19 restrictions, all Trinity formation small groups will begin meeting online via Zoom. Worship registration and attendance continues at capacity of 125 people.

Sunday at Trinity

Faith and Fiction meets at 9:00am on Zoom each Sunday. Contact Merry Toups at merryparis@yahoo.com to learn more.

12 Steps Are for Everyone meets at 9:15am on Zoom. Check member emails or contact Karen Taylor at taylorks@aol.com for Zoom access.

Godly Play meets at 10:30am on Zoom. Contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com for Zoom access.

EYC: The Chosen, meets from 4:00pm to 5:45pm on Zoom. Contact Rev. Jane-Allison Wiggin-Nettles at jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com for Zoom access.

Stewardship at Trinity Church

Happy New Year and a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who contributed so generously to the Christmas offering or gave a gift in support of one of our ministries or community partner ministries. Your Christmas offering helps us share the light of Christ throughout the year. Thank you!

Stewardship Update

As of January 5, 368 Trinity members and friends have generously pledged their financial support for calendar year 2021 (compared to 482 received in 2020 for stewardship). Please know, we are immensely grateful for all the pledges we have received. However, in order to maintain our ministries, our current level of staffing, and continue to take care of our beautiful (aging) buildings, we need to raise an additional \$300,000 in pledges for the 2021 budget year. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so today by visiting https://trinitynola.com/pledge-form/.

Weekly Offering Envelopes will be mailed to you this year, rather than be available for pickup. Boxed sets will be mailed this week to those who requested the weekly offering envelopes. Please note, 2020 Giving Statements will be mailed by the end of January.

Please contact Raina O'Neil, Director of Stewardship with any questions about pledging or offering envelopes at at (504) 670-2537 or roneil@trinitynola.com.

Now Accepting Vestry Nominations (through January 31)

The Vestry Nominating Committee invites our congregation to nominate future church leaders. A Vestry term is four years and begins on June 1. Heather Lonian and Ellinor Howard are co-chairs for the committee which includes Philip Gordillo, Alice Parkerson, Will French, Debby Poitevent, Keith Crawford, Amory Levert, and Curt Flournoy. The committee will review all nominations and recommend a slate of four candidates for a vote at the annual meeting in the Spring.

Please send your nomination(s) to any of the following committee members:

Heather Lonian		or	(617) 460-1015
Ellinor Howard	ellinor@bellsouth.com	or	(504) 231-3001
Philip Gordillo	philip_gordillo@yahoo.com	or	(504(319-2620
Alice Parkerson	abparkerson@gmail.com	or	(504) 292-5467
Debby Poitevent	dpoitev@aol.com	or	(504) 451-0465
Keith Crawford	klc@loftingroup.com	or	(504) 717-3821
Amory Levert	amorycw@gmail.com	or	(504) 218-9071
Curt Flournoy	flournoycd@gmail.com	or	(318) 751-2062
Will French	wfrench@filmproductioncapit	tal.com	or (504) 905-4143

Candidates must have been a member of the church for one year, be over age 21 and have been confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church by a bishop of the church. Nominees must also have provided financial support, as confirmed by the Church's stewardship records, within six months prior to the Annual Meeting to be held in the Spring.

Expectations and responsibilities of Vestry members include:

- Regular Sunday worship
- Attendance at forums, special events and programs of the church
- Active involvement in committees and programs of the church
- Service on Vestry committees (such as finance/budget, stewardship, endowment, buildings and grounds, youth/adult education and community ministry)
- Providing leadership in stewardship activities, including an annual personal pledge
- Participation in annual budget development and review
- Support of the ministry of the Rector and staff in carrying out the mission of the church
- Attendance at monthly Vestry meetings and annual Vestry retreat
- Participate (or have participated in) anti-racism training
- Active involvement in hospitality and welcoming activities

We welcome your input in identifying parishioners who are able to serve and who are committed to advancing Trinity's mission: "Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to love our neighbors, do justice, and walk humbly with God." Thank you.

Christmas Generosity Report

On behalf of the Mission Commission, we would like to say thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas Outreach a tremendous success.

- We asked for 72 gifts for the Kingsley House Senior Center, and received over 80!
- We asked you to sponsor 20 Christmas Essential Envelopes, and you sponsored over 50!
- We asked you to donate certain items for Eden House and the response was incredible!
- Over \$4,000 was donated to assist the Trinity Loaves and Fishes Africa in Kenya.

Simply said, your response was truly amazing and we thank you!

Trinity Treasures

Seda France candles are beautifully-packaged and presented in toile urns and make thoughtful gifts, especially for those who are housebound during these crazy times. Available in Trinity Treasures in Japanese Quince and French Tulip.

Trinity Treasures is now open Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 3:30pm and Sundays before and after 10:30am worship. Shop online at trinitytreasuresnola.com. Please remember that Trinity Treasures' profits go to Trinity ministries and community projects through WOTC grants.

