



Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

10:30 AM



TRINITY
Episcopal Church

Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are so glad you have joined us for worship today. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. Almost everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this worship bulletin. The only additional item you will need is a hymnal for the hymns that are listed. The main hymnal we use is located in the back of the pew ahead of you (blue book). We typically only use one other hymnal (LEVAS—Lift Every Voice and Sing) and this hymnal is located in the corner of your pew seat. The greeters are available to answer any questions or direct you as needed. Restrooms are located on the lower level. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete and return a welcome card so that we can be in touch. May God bless you now and always.

About Today's Service

The feast of the Epiphany directed our attention to the ways in which Christ is manifest in the Gospels, and by extension, how he is manifest in our lives. The theme of showing forth is continued in the Sundays after the Epiphany. Today's Gospel carries the third of the three classical themes of Epiphany: Jesus' first miracle, changing water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee.

The Old Testament used the marriage relationship and the marriage feast as symbols or archetypes of God's relationship to the chosen people and of the ultimate consummation of that relationship in the establishment of the Kingdom. Today's passage from Isaiah is based on that image.

At the marriage feast, Jesus produced around 150 gallons of wine (God is lavish, even profligate, in giving grace) and it is much better wine than the host at the dinner had been serving (God's grace far surpasses what we can do for ourselves).

God's gifts of grace to us are also the focus of today's reading from 1 Corinthians. This reading is the first in a series from this Epistle exploring the kinds of gifts we received when we were baptized by water and the Holy Spirit, and the results of God's gifts in our lives.

We are a people transformed by our relationship to God and given the grace and illumination of the Holy Spirit. The marriage images in the first and third readings describe the intimate and total nature of God's relationship to us which results of the gift of the Holy Spirit given us in baptism.

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The Holy Eucharist

In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayers,
please observe silence upon entering the church.

"Be still and know that I am God." -Psalm 46:10

The Greeting

Opening Hymn: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Hymnal 7

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Collect for Purity

The Celebrant says

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 following is sung, all standing as able

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,***

***You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;***

***You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.***

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,*

*You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father,
Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

The First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

Please be seated for the readings

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

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.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Please remain seated

The Psalm

Psalm 36:5-10

Dixit injustus

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

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

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A reading from the Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 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.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who



activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymnal 135

Please stand as able

The Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

Please remain standing as able

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it.

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 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." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



Priest
People

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Christ

Sermon

Reverend Brian Chace

Nicene Creed

Please stand as able and together say

**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.**

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Skip, our Assisting Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers. We pray especially for the Standing Committee of The Diocese of The Great Lakes. We pray for our supply priest, Brian, and all our lay leaders.

For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray especially for all of those whose lives are impacted by the wars in Israel and Ukraine. We pray for those individuals and families who are impacted by gun violence. We pray for those impacted by climate change across the world. We pray for those individuals and health care workers battling Covid-19, flu or other viruses at this time of the year. We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially all who are listed in our worship bulletin that commend themselves to our prayers.

Please add those whom you would like to pray for—either aloud or silently.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings either aloud or silently

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Priest concludes

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

All kneel as able.

The celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

The Priest and People together say

**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.**

The Priest stands and says

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.**

Peace

All stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements - Sharing of God's Blessings.

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: The People Who Live in Darkness Walked Hymnal 126

Doxology

Singing together

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 and Benedictus

Singing together

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

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 all 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;***

The Celebrant continues

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 Celebrant then continues

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

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.*

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Table is ready. So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*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.*

Blessing

The priest blesses the people.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymnal 423

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please keep in your prayers this week...



Jim Harriott	Bobby Dack	Corbin Ride
Victor Schreffler	Barbara McCabe	Carter Riddle
Lindsey Nothnagel	Andy & Diana Oberdick	Rod
Gene Hutchins	Brandon W.	Rick Webber
Bill & Marlene Sawyer	Nadine & Gary Morse	Dylan Miles
Bonnie Orgovan	The Singh Family	Colette
Jim Brewer	Steve & OK Pun Poling	David
Tom Olson	Pam Levere	Alex
Donna Voss	Sylvia	Keith
Mary Claire	Ryan	Mary Lou Schreffler
Shawn Willis	Nora Tompkins-Kisby	Jennifer & Shorty Karschner
Fred & Karen Harvey	Tracy	Robin
Basilios Demetrios Tsermengas	Heather Taylor	

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Agenda

January 26, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m.

(held immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service in Cooper Hall)

If members of the congregation do not plan to attend, but would like all reports and other documents, they will need to contact Senior Warden Luke Stefanovsky, and arrangements will be made to get that information in their hands prior to the meeting.

- 1) Opening Prayer and Call to Order
- 2) Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting
- 3) Financial Reports and Presentation of the 2025 Budget
- 4) Elections
 - a. Vestry...2024 Vestry had 7 members on it: Chris Anderson, Martha Bamfield, Deb Drys, Debra Heisler, Gene Hutchins, Luke Stefanovsky, and Leah Wolf.
 - b. The 3-year term is up for *Luke Stefanovsky*. He has served two consecutive 3-year terms; he must sit out for at least one year.

The 3-year term is up for *Gene Hutchins*. He may run again for a second consecutive 3-year term.

The number of people serving on Vestry shall be at least 6 and no more than 9.

Nominees: **Gene Hutchins, Carol Scheich, and Frank Stewart**

- c. Diocesan Convention Delegates—up to 4.
Nominees: **None at this time**
 - d. Alternate Diocesan Convention Delegates—up to 4.
Nominees: **None at this time**
- 5) Reports
 - a. O.C.C.F. and Laundry Luv Ministries Report
 - b. Junior Warden's Report
 - c. Senior Warden's Report
- 6) Other Business as appropriate
- 7) Adjourn

There will be a short Vestry meeting after the Annual Meeting to elect Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Clerk; appoint Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer(s) as required, and Recording Secretary, set meeting dates/times, and other unfinished business.



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down-at-heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas 10 or 20+ years ago. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organized religion. We're not that keen on it either. We offer welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because Granny is visiting and wanted to come to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or got lost looking for the Historical Society museum and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters and you.

From a sign posted at Coventry Cathedral in England,
context edited slightly for
Trinity Episcopal Church, West Branch, Michigan

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader: Reverend Brian Chace

Organist: Carol Shaw

Lector: Victor Schreffler

LEM: Victor Schreffler

Intercessor: Leah Wolf

Acolyte: Leah Wolf

Organist: Carol Shaw

Altar Preparation: Chris Anderson

Greeters: Jane & Gene Hutchins

Live Stream: Tom Olson

Bulletin: Martha Bamfield

Coffee Hour: x

There are plenty of opportunities to host coffee hour.
The sign-up sheet is in the serving window of the kitchen.

Vestry Members: Luke Stefanovsky, Gene Hutchins, Debra Heisler,
Martha Bamfield, Chris Anderson, Deb Drys, and Leah Wolf.

Our mission is to support all on their journey toward a deeper relationship
with God, one another and all creation through worship, pastoral care,
fellowship and outreach.

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