

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:30 a.m.

At Christ UCC

TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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The Service of the Word

✦ *Worship in the form of quiet meditation begins with the prelude.*

PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Dietrich Buxtehude

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Christ is made the sure foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

(see hymn on opposite page)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.***

GLORIA

Hymnal S278



might - y 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

THE PSALM

Psalms 27:1, 5-13



The LORD is my light and my sal - va - - - tion.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

ANTIPHON

One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

ANTIPHON

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

ANTIPHON

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

ANTIPHON

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that

you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Blest are the pure in heart

FRANCONIA

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give
 se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

SERMON

The Rev. Jane Arrington Bender

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

Intercessor United in the same mind and the same purpose, let us pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the whole human family, saying: *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop and Audrey and Kevin our bishops, that we may have the freedom to leave everything and follow Jesus' call to service. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we who are called to be fishers of people may use our diverse gifts to show to all the power of God's love. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For a spirit of hope, that all who find themselves walking in darkness may be renewed in mind and spirit with a vision and promise of life and wholeness. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the members of Congress, that the Spirit will give them wisdom, insight and courage to lead us in ways that are just and righteous, and lead to the healing of the nation. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For all who are unjustly harassed or detained, that God will protect them from harm and speed their return to their communities and loved ones. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For all who help others find Christ, that they may share the good news of Jesus in life-giving and healing ways. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For all who struggle with the burdens of life, and especially for those commended to our prayers and those we now name (*pause*) that the light of God's love will bring them joy and wholeness. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For all those who have died, remembering especially Jack, and those we now name (*pause*), that the light of Christ may shine upon them forever. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer, Paul the Apostle and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant God of all dawning light, hear our prayers and give us courage to answer readily the call to follow you, letting nothing in us interfere with the good news of your kingdom. Glory to you forever and ever. *AMEN.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

Celebrant 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.*

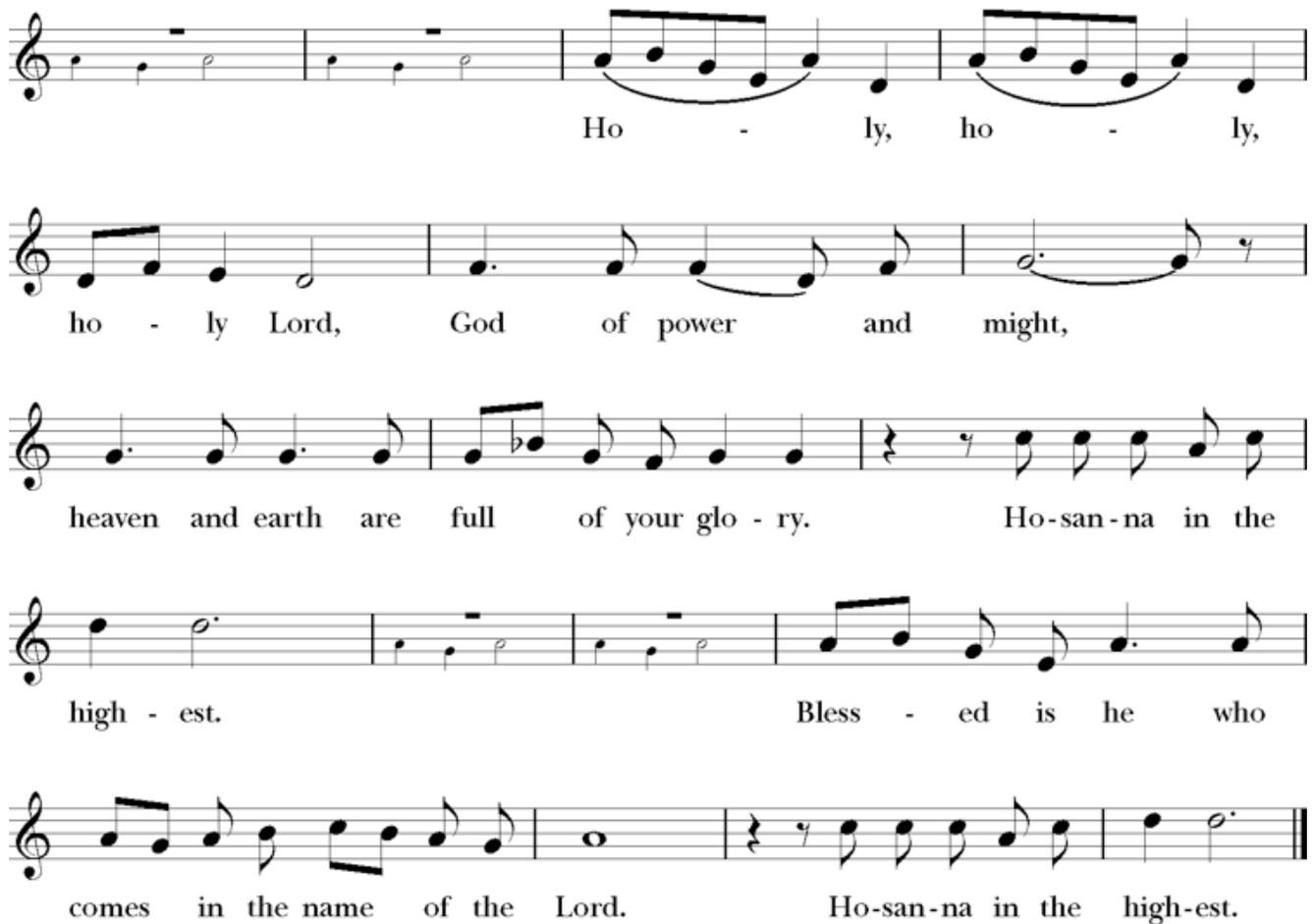
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S12



Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant 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,

**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 Mary the God-bearer and 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 forever. *AMEN.*

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing.

Lamb of God, I look to Thee, Thou shalt my example be: Thou art gentle, meek, and mild, Thou wast once a little child. Thou didst live to God alone, Thou didst never seek Thine own, Thou Thyself didst never please, God was all Thy happiness. Loving Jesu, gentle Lamb, In Thy gracious Hands I am; Make me, Saviour, what Thou art; Live Thyself within my heart. I shall then show forth Thy praise, Serve Thee all my happy days; Then the world shall always see Christ, the Holy Child, in me.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Loving God,**
our hands have taken holy things;
our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.
May we who have feasted at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMN

The Church's one foundation

AURELIA

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
 People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

POSTLUDE

Toccata in d minor

Gordon Balch Nevin



Liturgical Ministers
January 25, 2026
The Third Sunday After Epiphany
8:30 a.m.

Steve Filko
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Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Intercessor
Usher
Usher
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK
January 25, 2026

Our Partner-Parish:

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

In the Diocese of The Susquehanna:

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanland, Bishop and
The Rt. Rev. Kevin, Nichols, Assisting Bishop
St. Andrew's, Allentown; St. John's, Bellefonte; Trinity Pro Cathedral,
Williamsport; and the Diocesan Council



In the Anglican Communion:

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Please pray for:

❖ Jack Vickrey, who passed away Tuesday. Please keep his wife, Carol, in prayer too.

Please pray for these friends in need:

Randy Alderman, Pam Basmadjian, Gary and Chris Battersby, Loretta Brobst, Charlotte, Joan Dawson, Jen Delp, Karen Ernst, Connie Evans, Ward Fanning, Clare Filko, Larry and Linda Fry, Hannah, Kevin, Jerry and Rosanne Foreman, Sally MacIntosh, John Majczan, Rheta Matthews, Jody Miller, Bob Opdyke, Patti Pasda, Judy and Barry Smith, Carol Vickrey, Mike Weaver

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to:

prayerlist@trinitybeth.org - by noon on Wednesday.

Names will remain on the list for a month.

Announcements



*Annual Meeting & Parish Brunch –
TODAY!!!*

*Join us after the service downstairs in
the Fellowship Hall.*

January's Second Sunday Collection



Today is the last day for the Second Sunday Collection. Our donations will be delivered to Turning Point later this week. Thank you for all of your generosity.



After months of waiting, BRUNCH is BACK!!!

We heard you, it's back! After searching the Lehigh Valley for a different venue, it was determined that the **Borderline Restaurant on 2100 West Union Blvd in Bethlehem** is still the best place to meet our needs. Our first Brunch after service will resume the last Sunday of February, the 22nd. Hope to see you all there!



Future Brunch Dates:
February 22, March 29, April 26

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Marcie Lightwood

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Sandy Mesics

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