



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

8AM Low Mass | 10AM Holy Mass with Hymns

TRINITY CHURCH

Worship in the Beauty of Holiness ✠ Service and Hospitality in the Name of Christ

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

✠ Please stand and join us in singing the hymns, prayers which reflect on the theological themes of the day and season, and can be found in the blue hymnal in your pew, ordered by the numbers listed in the bulletin below. Service music can be found in the paper booklet in your pew.

OPENING HYMN

Sometimes a light surprises

Hymn 667

INTROIT— *Come, let us worship God and bow down before the Lord; let us shed tears before the Lord who made us, for he is the Lord our God. Ps. Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD; hail the rock who saves us.*

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

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

GLORIA (*found in service music booklet*).

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All may be seated.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 112:1-9 *Beatus vir*

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Lord of all being, throned afar

Hymn 419

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People: ***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Celebrant: ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

All may be seated.

HOMILY

Fr. Raul, Rector

All stand.

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.*

PRAYER BIDDINGS

✠ **The Church:** Pray for *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury, for *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop, and *Carlye*, our Bishop, and for all the Anglican Communion. Pray for *Leo*, Bishop of Rome, and our siblings in the Roman Church. Pray for *Bartholomew*, Patriarch of Constantinople, and our siblings in the Orthodox Churches. Pray for all of Christ's Holy Catholic Church. Pray for our Parish, our Wardens and Vestry, for *Gia*, our Director of Music, *Karen*, our Treasurer, *Lana*, our Administrator, and *Laura*, our Sexton, for all who serve and minister here and for all who come to this place to seek God. Pray for God's help as we seek to spread his Gospel, grow his Church, and serve him in our various ministries. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Holy Catholic Church of Hong Kong (Anglican); Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for Grace Church Van Vorst in Jersey City. In a special way, let us hold in prayer the Diocese of Jerusalem & the Middle East and our Christian siblings in the Holy Land, Nigeria, and in every place where Christ's Church is persecuted.

✠ **The Nation & the World:** Pray for *Donald*, President of the United States, for the Congress, and for the Supreme Court, for *Mikie* our Governor, and *Amy* our Mayor. Pray for peace and justice in our Nation, and for the relief of all who are vulnerable and afraid, for the hungry, the poor, and the captive. Pray for all who have died by State violence or in detention. Pray for the peoples and nations of the world, especially for peace in Ukraine, Nigeria, Iran, and the Middle East. Pray for the people of Palestine and for an end to this and all genocide. Pray for an end to all violence and war, that all peoples and nations may be gathered together under the banner of the Prince of Peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM III)

Father, we pray for your Holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially *Nicole*, *Martie*, *Michael*, *Jim*, *Bridget*, *Ed*, *Joanne*, *Lynette*, *Jana*, *Margie*, *Russ*, *Ed*, *Carol*,

Nancy, Bob, Debby, Michael, Deirdre, Mandy, Jacqui, Braden, Lydia, Tom, Rich, Bruce, Marilyn, Wayne, Joe Nancy and Maria;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all service members, including Nick, Jason, Elizabeth, Quintin and Matt, and canines that are serving in this country's armed services.

That they may be shielded and guided, and safely brought home.

We offer our prayers of thanksgiving and supplication to you, lifting up our petitions and praises either silently or aloud. *A brief pause is held for the offering of prayers.*

Give to the departed eternal rest ☩;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Celebrant concludes:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, and especially on this parish community. As we prepare for a time of change, remind us that you are the Shepherd who ever watches over his flock. Bless our Vestry and Leadership with clarity of mind and unity of spirit as they discern the path ahead. Quiet our anxieties, strengthen our faith, and help us to trust that you are already at work among us. May we walk this next leg of our journey not with trepidation, but in the certainty of your abiding love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All kneel for the confession.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

ALL: *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 our 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.**

All stand after the absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

All may share with one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart* Hymn 488

During the offertory hymn, you are invited to bring forward your offering for the support of Christ's Holy Church and place it in the plate in front of the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant continues,

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 (*found in service music booklet*).

All kneel as the Celebrant continues,

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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

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

People & Celebrant: *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 Host and, after a moment of silence, continues,

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

AGNUS DEI (*found in service music booklet*).

The Celebrant says the following invitation:

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

COMMUNION

☞ *All baptized Christians, regardless of their church affiliation, status, or standing, are invited to come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood.*

☞ *If you do not wish to or are not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament, you are welcome and invited to participate, regardless of denomination or religion, by coming forward with your arms crossed over your chest in order to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing from the Priest.*

You are always very welcome to inquire about receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people may kneel.

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: *Almighty and everliving God,
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 DOXOLOGY

Celebrant & People: *Glory to God, whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE FINAL BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People: *Thanks be to God!*

All stand.

CLOSING HYMN

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

Hymn 505

POSTLUDE

After the closing hymn, our Director of Music will offer a musical voluntary for the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Compassionate Outreach

Souper bowl of Caring. Tackle hunger – TODAY Sunday, Feb. 8th - The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of caring! The mission is to use the energy of the "Super Bowl" to collect dollars and cans of soup for a charity of your choice.....ours is Center for Food Action. Our total will be reported and become part of the national total during the game! Last year we reported \$165.00 and 100 cans of soup. Hopefully this year we can do better, so look for the display and soup pot in the Narthex!

St. Paul's Men's Shelter- The 2026 schedule for providing meals for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with this important part of our outreach ministry, on the 3rd Thursday of each month. You can also call and leave a message or email Lana with your requested date, or contact Donna Speizer.

Joyful Fellowship

Coffee Hour - The signup sheet for February is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex! We would love some new people to join our Coffee Hour Hosts for 2026. Anyone needing guidance or just a refresher, let me know and I'll be happy to help you. Thank you.....Janet Zacco

The Community Thrift Shop

The Shop continues to be open for shopping on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Merchandise is accepted on Mondays only, from 9:00 am to 12: noon. Donations should be in two large, white kitchen bags or two boxes marked with Trinity's acct. #66. Any questions, contact Janet Zacco



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