

## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 1, 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*

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## 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**      *What does the Lord require*      Hymn 605

INTROIT— *Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice; seek the Lord and be strengthened; seek his face for evermore. Ps. Give thanks to the LORD; proclaim his name. Make known his deeds among the peoples.*

**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.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated.*

## FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

A reading from the Prophet Micah.

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
*who may abide upon your holy hill?*

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
*who speaks the truth from his heart.*

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
 he does no evil to his friend; \*  
*he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.*

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
*but he honors those who fear the LORD.*

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
*and does not take back his word.*

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
*nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.*

7 Whoever does these things \*  
*shall never be overthrown.*

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

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. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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 The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Dame Sarah Elisabeth Mullally, DBE, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, giving thanks to God for our new Head of the Anglican Communion, whose election was confirmed this week, 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 Church of England; Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for Grace Church in Westwood. 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.

❖ **The Departed:** Of your charity, pray for the departed, and for all who have died in detention or at the hands of Federal forces.

## 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 lift up in prayer Stephanie Tengi who celebrates her birthday today.  
*Crown her years with your goodness and fill her life with your joy.*

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.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All kneel for the litany and confession.*

## LITANY OF RECONCILIATION

- ❖ When Coventry Cathedral was destroyed by Nazi bombing in 1940, the clergy and people of the Cathedral community gathered to pick up the pieces. Amongst the rubble, they found a pair of wooden beams that had survived, forming the shape of a cross. This cross was moved to the ruined chancel of the Cathedral, where it was placed on an altar which remained standing in front of an inscription on the wall which read “Father, forgive.” Three medieval nails were recovered from the rubble, shaped into a cross, and placed on this same altar.
- ❖ Today, the Community of the Cross of Nails says the following litany every day in communities across the world, praying for our repentance of the sins that divide our world, and for the reconciliation of all humankind. We will use this litany once every month to join with our siblings praying for peace, unity, and justice in this time of crisis and fear for our Nation and the World.

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,  
*Father, forgive.*

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,  
*Father, forgive.*

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,  
*Father, forgive.*

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,  
*Father, forgive.*

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,  
*Father, forgive.*

The lust which dishonors the bodies of our fellow children of God,  
*Father, forgive.*

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

## 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** *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

Hymn 593

*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

ꝝ *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.*

ꝝ *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

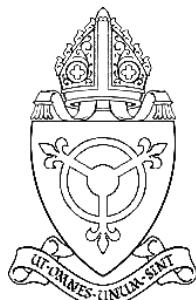
*Help us, O Lord, to learn*

Hymn 628

## POSTLUDE

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

Announcements are posted on the pink bulletin board in the Narthex



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