

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The First Sunday After The Epiphany
The Baptism Of Our Lord
January 12, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Trinity

Prelude *Light Of the World (Sing Hallelujah)*

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Welcome

Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer

BCP, p. 299

A Moment of Silent Prayer *(please kneel, as able)*

Processional Hymn *(please stand, as able)*

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymn 448

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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. ***Amen.***

10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children ages 3-8 come to the front of the church, follow the leader and return at the Peace.

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (43:1-7)

Now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 29

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

- 7 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.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:14-17)

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

Sequence *(please stand, as able)*

The Sinless One to Jordan Came

Hymn 120

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Parents of Small Children: Please know that infants and small children are welcome to worship with you. For your convenience, the Parlor is available with sound if needed.

The Sermon

The Rev. Joanna Unangst

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Infants and Younger Children

Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

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.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer ***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 Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer ***I do.***

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People ***We will.***

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People ***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 Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***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 Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People ***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.***

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

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 blesses the water, first saying

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

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.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

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. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

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

Amen.

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

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

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.**

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 *(please stand, as able)*

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Announcements

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a Guest Card located in the pew rack in front of you, so we can share with you what God is doing here at Trinity and how you can be a part of it.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

By your Baptism you are welcome to receive communion with us. Gluten free wafers and wine are available at the Altar Rail on the Gospel side (left side as you face the Altar). These wafers and the wine are separate from the wafers made of wheat. Please let the priest know you wish gluten free by putting your palms face down. . If you have mobility concerns and need to stay in your seat but would like to receive communion, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *Be Not Afraid*

Taylor Davis

Doxology

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.

As the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, please stand.

Prayers at Offertory

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

People ***Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

People ***Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your people for the work of your Church.

People ***Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sanctus	Hymn S125
The Lord's Prayer	BCP, p. 364
Agnus Dei	Hymn S161
Fraction Anthem	Hymn S167
Communion Hymns	
I Come, the Great Redeemer Cries	Hymn 116
Breathe On Me, Breathe Of God	Hymn 508
When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream	Hymn 139
Post Communion Prayer	BCP, p. 365
The Blessing	
Recessional Hymn	
Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness	Hymn 381
The Dismissal	
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.	
People	<i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia</i>
Postlude <i>Fugue in D Major, BWV 532</i>	J.S. Bach

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Patricia Haldane Bosley by Barbara and Bill Johnson.*



Associate Rector - The Rev. Frank Samuelson
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Deacon - The Rev. Russ Oechsel
Director of Music - Micki Balog
Music Associate and Principal Organist - Jack Balog
Coordinating Verger - Richard Bosley

Welcome to Trinity

We are so happy that you chose to worship with us today. Trinity is a wonderful place to be! Please fill out the Guests Card you see in the pews. Jennifer Davenport will contact you for membership information or any questions.



YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes for grades 7-12 start in January! We will meet on 1/12, 1/26, 2/2, 2/23, 3/2, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13 during Community from 6-8pm. Confirmation will be on Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10am. Please contact Jennifer at jdavenport@trinitywoodlands.org for registration.

PRIME TIME GUYS LUNCHEON

Please join us on January 27th for Faith, Food, and Fellowship! Plus, we'll recap the college football season. Looks like we may have a National Champ among us? We will have 1/2 lb cheese burgers, chips and desert for lunch. Spouses are always welcome. We'll meet in the Horner Room at 11AM. Please rsvp to Charlie Brown 281-825-1555.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Please join us January 19th after the 10AM service for our annual Parish Meeting.

SEEKING GREEN THUMBS!

The Flower Guild needs several new members to help beautify the Sanctuary for services. Prior experience is not required! Two-member teams serve every 5 or 6 weeks arranging the flowers typically on Saturday before the next day's services. There is additional activity during Holy Week and Advent. If you are interested, please contact Susan Mayer at svmayer@yahoo.com.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK)

Do you feel a little sad after the holidays? Is it hard for you to find your joy after grief? We invite you to come to our meeting on Tuesday, January 14th. Our guest speaker will be our own Sheila Gerth. Her presentation is "Reactions to Grief after a Holiday! A complete Concept of Care". Refreshments at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00 in the library. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Nell Belanger at cnellb@comcast.net.

COMMON TABLE

Please join us for our January 2025 Gathering on Tuesday, January 21, from 4:30 – 6:00 PM at Pallotta's Italian Grill at 27606 I-45 N. Conroe TX 77385. Looking forward to seeing all y'all after the holidays. RSVP by Sunday, January 19 to Helen Geiger. Also, for more details or to get on the mailing list, contact her at hgeiger100@gmail.com or Arlyne Nickle at nickarly975@gmail.com.

FAITH EXPLORERS

Faith Explorers has begun the study of The Four Vision Quests of Jesus by Steven Charleston we will conclude on 3/5. We meet in the Youth Community Building every Wednesday at 12:30 for community and begin the discussion at 1:00. Bring a bag lunch for our Community Time. Contact Bev Redd at 610-304-6630 or bevredd@gmail.com for more information.

YOUTH COMMUNITY

Calling all 7th-12th graders! Youth Community every Sunday from 6-8 p.m.! We will meet in Butler Hall for dinner and games, and then move to the Youth Community Building (YCB) for small group Bible study. Bring a friend! Follow us on Instagram @trinity.youth.community, and join our band on the Band App!

CHILDREN'S NURSERY & CHAPEL

During the 10AM service children ages 3-8 are invited to Children's Chapel for their own Liturgy of the Word. We sing songs, say kid versions of the prayers their adults are saying in Big Church, read the same scripture from Big Church from a children's Bible, have a mini children's sermon, and sing some more Bible songs. They return to their adults in the Big Church at the Peace. Mrs. Jen, Mrs. Holly, Mtr. Joanna, and Fr. Frank takes turns leading Children's Chapel and would love to see your kiddos! The Trinity Nursery is available for children ages 0-3 for the entire service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing: Violet, Virlen W., Lindsey S., Curt H., Sarah K., Matt H., Andy H., Anthony N., Bonnie, Marta A., Amanda A., Curt G., Barry B., Kate, Courtney, Theresa, Steve, Trudy and Katie

Thanksgiving: Micki Balog

Guidance: Chris, Scott and Ryan

Death: Philip Albin, Scott Chickering, and Nancy Farrell