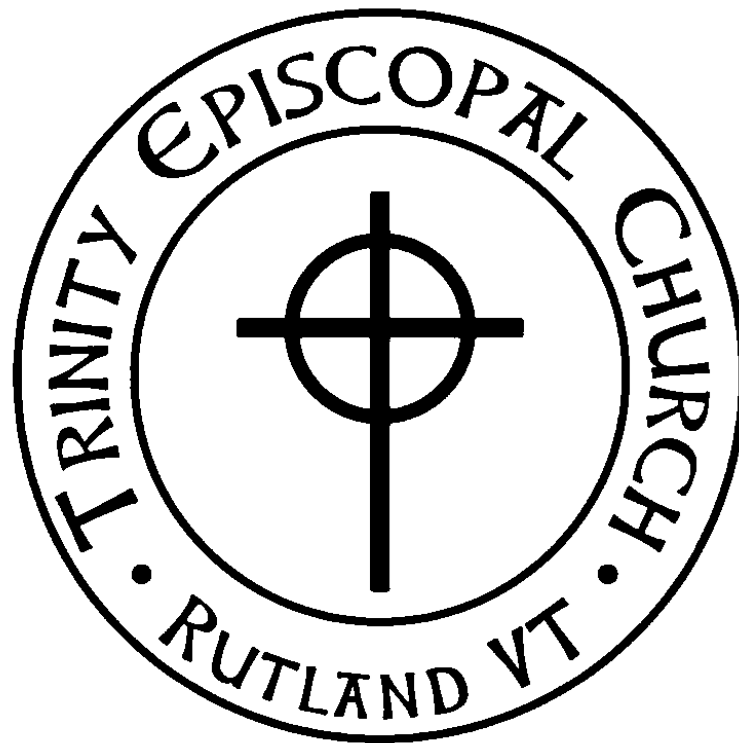


# TRINITY CHURCH

*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*February 2, 2025*

*9:30 a.m.*



## WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!

*FOLLOWING JESUS. BUILDING COMMUNITY. LOVE THROUGH SERVICE.*

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9:30a.m. Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – Holy Eucharist

The Word of the Lord

Prelude *In peace and joy I now depart* *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Opening Hymn #475 *God himself is with us* *Tysk*

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People: *And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*  
Celebrant: Let us pray together.  
All: *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.*

Glory to God S 277 *service music, marked by S is found in the front of the blue hymnal*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: *And also with you.*  
Celebrant: Let us pray.  
*Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Lessons of the Day

First Reading *Malachi 3:1-4*  
Reader: A reading from the book of Malachi.  
*Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
People: *Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

(The congregation is invited to join the choir in chanting the Psalm.) Psalm 24:7-10



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7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*

"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*

"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Reader:

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People:

*Thanks be to God.*



1. In his tem-ple now be - hold him, See the long-ex-pect-ed Lord;
2. In the arms of her who bore him, Vir-gin pure, be-hold him lie
3. Je-sus, by your pre-sen - ta - tion, When they blessed you, weak and poor,



An-cient pro-phets had fore-told him, God has now ful-filled his word.  
 While his a- ged saints a- dore him Ere in per-fect faith they die.  
 Make us see your great sal-va-tion, Seal us with your pro-mise sure;



Now to praise him, his re-deem-ed Shall break forth with one ac-cord.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, th'In - car - nate God Most High!  
 And pre-sent us in your glo - ry To your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

People: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Celebrant: When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in

Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed, and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi

### The Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Celebrant: Together, let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

People: *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.*

### Intercession Prayers

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Intercessor: For this community, the nation, and the world; especially we pray that the children under the protection of Orphan Care Volunteers Association in Uganda receive those blessings necessary to sustain their physical and spiritual well-being.

*People:* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Intercessor:* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People:* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

*Intercessor:* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People:* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

*Intercessor:* For the peace and unity of the Church of God; for the office of the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Thomas and Rob, our companion Bishops of Maine and New Hampshire; for Sarah, our priest; and for Liz, our Deacon; and for all our lay leaders and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People:* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

*Intercessor:* For **The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; Ministries of all the ordained and their households and families throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont.**

*People:* For all who serve God in his Church.

*Intercessor:* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially **Hawa, Matthew, Deborah, Leah, Ed.** Hear us, Lord;

*People:* For your mercy is great.

*Intercessor:* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For those in our congregation celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, we pray for joyful blessings upon **Sue Beriau, Pat Garcia, Tammy Hawkins, Julia Rampone, Rose Scruton.** We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People:* And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Intercessor:* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People:* Who put their trust in you.

*Celebrant:* God our Father, you see your children of all ages growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### The Confession and Absolution

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

*People:* *Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

#### The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of God be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

## Announcements

*Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church. Your faithful stewardship helps our mission to follow Jesus, build community and provide love through service. The Offering plate is located at the top of the center aisle on the way to the altar.*

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

*When to the Temple Mary Went*

*Johannes Eccard*

## The Great Thanksgiving S 120

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 S 128

All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

## Eucharistic Prayer B (People stand or kneel as able.)

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

*People: We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

*Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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 God, now and for ever. AMEN.*

#### The Lord’s Prayer

*Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
All: 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 Fraction S 152

*Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

#### The Invitation

*Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.*

*All are welcome to God’s table! To receive communion, proceed up the center aisle and either stand or kneel along the railing to receive Communion. The priest will distribute the bread (or gluten free wafer upon request) and the Chalice Assistant the wine (or grape juice upon request). Those wishing to receive a blessing instead of Communion are invited to cross their arms as a signal to the priest. Please alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat.*

#### Communion Hymn #324

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

*Picardy*

#### Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant: Let us pray.*



*All: 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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Blessing

Celebrant: Holy eternal Majesty,  
Holy incarnate Word,  
Holy abiding Spirit,  
Bless you for evermore. *Amen*

Closing Hymn #517

*How lovely is thy dwelling-place*

*Brother James' Air*

Dismissal

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

Postlude

*Gott Sei Gelobet und Gebenedeiet*

*Heinrich Scheidemann*

*Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift.*