# Trinity Episcopal Church Collinsville, CT

February 11, 2024 9:00 a.m. Service of Communion Rite II

# The Last Sunday after Epiphany

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# Welcome to Trinity

We welcome all who worship with us at Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville, CT -- those here in our sanctuary and those who join us by live-streaming.

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# Sunday, February 11, 2024 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany The Rev. Salin Low

#### **Prelude**

# Opening Hymn O Wondrous Type! #137

Words: John Mason Neale, Music: William Knapp
1. O wondrous type! O vision fair
of glory that the Church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

- 2. With Moses and Elijah nigh the incarnate Lord holds converse high; and from the cloud, the Holy One bears record to the only Son.
- 3. With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest today what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.
- 4. And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery; for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

5. O Father, with the eternal Son, and Holy Spirit, ever One, vouchsafe to bring us by thy grace to see thy glory face to face.

#### Welcome

### Opening Acclamation

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

People: And Blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

# Collect for Purity (in unison)

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 S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

### The Old Testament 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm Psalm 50:1-6

**Reader:** The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; he has

called the earth from the rising of the sun to its

setting.

People: Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals

himself in glory.

Reader: Our God will come and will not keep silence;

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

People: He calls the heavens and the earth from above

to witness the judgment of his people.

Reader: "Gather before me my loyal followers, those

who have made a covenant with me

and sealed it with sacrifice."

People: Let the heavens declare the rightness of his

cause; for God himself is judge.

#### The New Testament

#### 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Alleluia verse



Al-le-lu-ia; A-lle-lu-ia; Al-le-lu-ia.

The Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

#### The Sermon

#### Stan Moraski

A period of silence is kept

# Choir Anthem Lift Every Voice And Sing

Words: James Weldon Johnson, Music: J. Rosamond Johnson

#### The Nicene Creed (in unison)

**BCP 358** 

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.

# Choral Call to Prayer O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Words and Music by Francesco Blackmore

# The Prayers of the People

Form III BCP p. 387

**Reader:** Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may

truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word

and Sacraments.

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in

the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we

undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any

grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

**Reader:** Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered

into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly

kingdom.

Reader: We pray especially for those on our intercession

list \_\_\_\_\_, and for those named here

(pause for the congregation to add their

intercessions).

In your mercy,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for our congregation and our Vestry as

we seek a new priest for our faith community.

Guide us and give us wisdom and patience, that

we may discern your will for us, and that we will

call a priest who will inspire us, care for us and bring us closer to you.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, let us pray for

St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Fairfield; St. Timothy's,

Fairfield; Trinity/St. Michael's, Fairfield; St. James',

Farmington and the Haitian ministry in the

Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for peace in the world:

God of peace and justice, we pray for peace in the world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for all in these wars who

have died, are wounded or missing. We pray for all who grieve, live in fear, and wait anxiously for the return of their loved ones. We pray for those who protect and defend our country. May your kingdom of justice and peace reign throughout

the world. Amen.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Confession

**BCP 360** 

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

Please kneel as you are able.

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 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

#### The Peace

Celebrant: Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

# The Offering

**Celebrant:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave of himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

# Offertory Hymn When Morning Gilds the Sky #427

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges, Music: Joseph Barnby

1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs: may Jesus Christ be praised! God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare with: Jesus Christ be praised!

3 No lovelier antiphon in all high heaven is known than, Jesus Christ be praised! There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard: may Jesus Christ be praised!

# The Doxology

Hymn 380 stanza 3

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. Amen

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

# The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p.361

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 him thanks and praise.

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 for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S124

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.

(The people stand or kneel.)

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** 

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

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

A period of silence is kept.

#### Fraction Anthem

**S154** 

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Celebrant:

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.

(Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar rail)

# Communion Hymn I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord #304

Words: Brian A Wren, Music: Land of Rest

- 1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me.
- 2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

- 3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
  The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
- 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known, we see and praise him here.
- 5. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

# Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

# Closing Hymn Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #460

Words: William Chatterton Dix, Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard
1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how: though the cloud from sight received him,

when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day: Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

#### The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

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# The Altar Flowers and the Sanctuary Lamp are Given to the Glory of God

# Celebrating the Worship Service:

The People of God gathered in Trinity Church and at home.

Celebrant: The Rev. Salin Low

Reader: Mimi McGill

Crucifer: Elaine Eno

Minister of

Communion: Leslie Dehey

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#### This Week's Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 11 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00-10:00 AM Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Salin Low

Monday

6:00–7:00 PM Canton Food Bank open

Tuesday

7:30-11:30 AM Canton Food Bank Open

Wednesday Ash Wednesday, February 14

6:30-8:30 AM Ashes to Go, Drive Thru Trinity Parking Lot

7:00-8:00 PM Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and

Imposition of Ashes, The Rev. Salin Low

7:00-8:00 PM Zoom Bible Study with Rick Richardson

Sunday, Feb. 18 Lent 1

9:00-10:00 AM Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Salin Low

Looking Ahead

Lenten Soup Suppers

Fridays in March: 1, 8, 15, 22 6:00-7:30 PM, Parish Hall

Trinity Office Hours: Tues., Wed. and Thurs. 8:30 am-3:30 pm