



Holy Eucharist II

Second Sunday after Christmas (Year C)

JANUARY 2, 2022

9:00 AM RITE II SERVICE

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. We are delighted that you are gathered together with us today online. Please follow along with the following order of service.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

<i>Presider</i>	The Rev. Lavonne Seifert
<i>Acolyte*</i>	Steve Ketcham
<i>Lector</i>	Lisa Ruggiero
<i>Music</i>	Jeff Lukas
<i>Digital Minister</i>	Wayne Stochaj
<i>Vestry Liaison</i>	Wayne Stochaj
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski

** While Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) distribution is on hold during the pandemic, the Acolyte assists the Presider.*

“The Eucharist is the entrance of the Church into the joy of its Lord. And to enter into that joy, so as to be a witness to it in the world, is indeed the very calling of the Church, its essential *liturgy* [work of the people/for public benefit], the sacrament by which it ‘becomes what it is.’” — *Protoperbyter Fr. Alexander Schmemmann*

The Word of God

PRELUDE

The People may stand for praise

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#99

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

EOW I 50

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

All-loving 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 all, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The People may join in reciting

SONG OF PRAISE

CANTICLE G (EOW I 34)

A SONG OF EZEKIEL (36:24-28)

I will take you from among all nations;
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you;
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.
A new heart I will give you
and a new spirit put within you.
I will take the stone heart from your chest
and give you a heart of flesh.
I will help you walk in my laws
and cherish my commandments and do them.
You shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 211

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People may be seated for the readings.

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET
JEREMIAH (31:7-14)**

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child
and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.
Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant
over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them,
and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my
people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

THE SONG APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS PSALM 84

The People will recite as instructed

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living
God.
The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a
nest where she may lay her young; *

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley
will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better
than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my
God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

**A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ASSEMBLY
IN EPHESUS (EPHESIANS 1:3-6,15-19A)**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ
before the foundation of the world to be holy and
blameless before him in love. He destined us for
adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according
to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his
glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the
Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your
love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not
cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my
prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the
eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is
the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches
of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is
the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who
believe.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN

#128

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE (1:39-55)**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

HOMILY

THE REV. LAVONNE SEIFERT

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

The People may stand for recitation of this historic Pledge, continuing the journey in the tradition of our forebearers.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People may stand or kneel for the prayers and respond to each petition as instructed

Presider This Christmas season we pray for the homecoming of the faithful and the renewal of ministry.

Leader With all our heart, mind, body, and spirit, let us pray together saying, "Hear our prayer."

For all Holy Assemblies: for the return of the faithful, for the renewal of the community, for our mission of love. We pray especially for our covenant parish, Saint Mary of the Assumption, and our partner dioceses of Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana.

O Inviting One. *Hear our prayer.*

For all Peoples: for the recognition of our common humanity, for setting aside competition for cooperation, for lifting up the lowly and lowering the mighty, for your life of justice to be established.

O Convicting One. *Hear our prayer.*

For all the World: for the homecoming of all people to the land, for living in harmony with all life, for commitment to peace amongst humanity and all species, for the cessation of exploitive civilization and the establishment of new and renewed gentle living.

O Creating and Sustaining One. *Hear our prayer.*

For all life along the Kittacuck¹, river and valley: for the vitality of our land, fish, and wildlife, for the support

¹ "Great tidal river" (Alogonquin) now called the Blackwater, original home of the Wampanoag, Nipmuck and Narragansett.

of individuals and families in all life circumstances, for the honoring of the past and consideration of the future, for the cycle of seasons and renewal of all.

O Incarnating One. *Hear our prayer.*

For all who suffer and who are in any trouble: for the homeless and hungry, for those cold and in pain, for those afflicted with the virus or any illness, for those suffering in mental health. We pray especially for the Ruggiero Family; Stephen; Jonathan & Juliana Owen; Mary Branco; Aida Mitchell; David Gillis; Rita & Dick Cronan; Zak Gustavesen; Brad Gustavesen; Bryson; Marcia; the Garretson Family; Bitsy; Enid Barton; the McDonnell Family; Paul Langlois; Sharon Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Peter Lee; Gloria Falcone; Barbara; Valerie; Clinton Clark, III; Marco Weiss; Al Price; Mary Torian, Beth & Terry; Esther McKenzie; Lisa Wilson; Sandra Arbogast; Judy Shea; Robin Rowe; Skye Bayleigh Plaisted; Alisha Starkis Weddeke; Chrissy & Mark; Thomas Scano; the Canali Family; Sherel & Lou Frere; Craig Silverman; Justin Perkin; Tom Childs; Nancy Sharoogian; Bob Mezzadri; all those serving in the military and the Peace Corps, especially Avary DeRagon; Drew Beauchamp; Charles; Laura; Elena; Brendan Wood; Danielle & Joel Marsh; Tom Bento; Joel Joudrey; Justin Woessner and their families.

O Co-Suffering One. *Hear our prayer.*

For those who have departed this life: for those who have died in this and all pandemics, for victims of violence, for myriad species lost in extinction.

O Living One. *Hear our prayer.*

Joining our voices together, we pray:

O Comforting One, be with us in our hope and our fear. Bring us home to your eternal presence in all moments of life. Gather with us, pray with us, sing with us, mourn with us, rejoice with us. Be with us now and always. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Then All pray:

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.

The Presider gives the Absolution

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

The People may stand. The Presider says

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Minister and People exchange the Peace.

✚ *Please refrain from physical contact.*



“...the purpose of Eucharist is not to change bread and wine, but to change you and me: through baptism and eucharist it is we who are to become Christ for one another, and a sign to the world that is yet to hear his name. That is what Christian liturgy is all about, because that is what Christianity is all about.”

— *Archmandrite Fr. Robert Taft, S.J.*

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship vol. 1 p. 60

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376



*All offerings are taken in the collection plate
in the rear of the nave.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

#89

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

THE SURSUM CORDA

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

The Presider invites the People to Thanksgiving (Eucharist)

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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 may stand or kneel

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor

upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

THE VERBA

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

THE ANAMNESIS

REMINISCENCE OF SAVING DEEDS

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

THE EPICLESIS

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever...

All join strongly together in the People's "AMEN"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All say the Prayer together

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as 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 *EOW I 69*

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People We who are many are one body, for in Christ
we all share in the one bread, one cup.

THE INVITATION *BCP 364*

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.

The People may be seated.

THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION *BCP 457*

*All are welcome at Christ's Table. Please come forward in turn
to receive. Gluten-free bread is available on request. Cross your
arms over your chest if you wish a blessing instead.*

✚ *The fullness of the sacrament is received in one element;
at this time our bishop has directed us to administer the bread
alone. Please allow ample room at the rail. If you are unable to
receive the sacrament physically, you may pray the following
prayer for spiritual reception of communion:*

“I believe that you are truly present in the Holy
Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive
communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite
myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my
soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come
to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*”

COMMUNION ANTHEM *#81*

LO HOW A ROSE BLOOMTH

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *EOW I 69*

The People may stand or kneel. All pray together

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread
of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with
Christ and one another; and you have made us one with
all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that
we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and
continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

RECOGNITION OF BIRTHDAYS

Those celebrating birthdays this week: Allyson
Levesque; Ian McCarthy; Austen Sholudko; Michelle
Kerr; Donald Leverock; Chris Tattrie; Elaina Chambers;
Dallas Montag; Andrew Greene; Beth Washburn;
Jessica Nylander; and Claire Mental.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEPARTING BLESSING *EOW I 70*

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah,
and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the
Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother
over her children, be upon you and remain with you
always. *Amen.*

Please join in the hymn with music provided

RECESSIONAL HYMN *#100*

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD HAS COME

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into all creation, rejoicing in the
power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE



UPCOMING PARISH & CHURCH EVENTS

TODAY	2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 9:00 am Holy Eucharist on Zoom with the Rev. Lavonne Seifert
Jan 6	<i>Feast of the Epiphany</i>
JAN 9	1ST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 9:00 am Holy Eucharist on Zoom
Jan 18	<i>Feast of the Confession of St. Peter, Apostle</i>
Jan 25	<i>Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As we wait out the **Omicron wave** of the pandemic, the leadership of the parish has moved all services to 9:00 am online via Zoom through at least January 9th out of an abundance of caution and love for our people. Please wear high-quality masks, avoid gatherings, and get your booster if able. Stay safe, be blessed!
- **Stewardship** season is here! During this time of considering our pledges of tithes, time, and talent to Christ's church for 2022, we ask all to contemplate our theme of "Coming Home" to family and faith. Pledge at: trinitychurchmilford.org/2022-pledge
- The **2022 parish annual meeting** is scheduled for February 6th. More details to come soon.
- The **Community Dinner** program provided gift certificates for 80 adults and 20 children to eat at Johnny Jack's this past Christmas Day, thanks to your financial support.
- **Liturgical note:** For this Christmas Season, our prayers are for the homecoming of the faithful. We also begin Year C of our three-year lectionary cycle, featuring *The Gospel according to Luke* and this author's emphasis on caring for the marginalized.

EVERY WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00 am Holy Eucharist on Zoom only through January 9th
Tuesday	6:00 pm Tai Chi in Lane Chapel
Wednesday	7:00 pm Contemplative Gathering Returns on Zoom January 12th
Thursday	12:00/2:00 pm Volunteers prepare meals 4:00 pm Community Dinner served
Friday	10:00 am Painting Class (Murray Hall)

EVERY MONTH

The Vestry meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm via Zoom. All parishioners are welcome.

Luncheon groups of women (JULIETs) and men (ROMEOS) meet monthly at local restaurants.

Youth (8th through 12th grade) meet at 6:30 pm on one Sunday per month for fun, fellowship, and formation.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Community Dinners are prepared and served weekly to all, alternating between restaurant and cooked meals.

Laundry Love provides supplies and quarters; pandemic distribution by police dispatcher Lisa Trusas.

Eyeglass and **food donations** collected in the side narthex and given to the Lion's Club and Daily Bread.

PARISH OFFICE

We are open 10 am - 2 pm Monday through Thursday.

Father John, Priest rector@trinitychurchmilford.org
Magee, Secretary office@trinitychurchmilford.org

Father John is on vacation through January 8th.

THE MINISTERS OF TRINITY ARE THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH

led by

The Right Rev. Doug Fisher, *Bishop*
The Rev. John Elliott Lein, *Rector*
Rachel Carpenter, *Sunday School Coordinator*
Magee Lambert, *Secretary*, Paul Del Molino, *Sexton*
Beth Moeller, *Sr. Warden*, Lisa Ruggiero, *Jr. Warden*
and the Treasurer, Clerk, and Vestry.

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