

Welcome to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



Epiphany
January 4th 2026

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

A Total Ministry Congregation

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Our Mission: To seek, know, love and serve
Christ in all persons and all Creation.

Ministers: All the Baptized
Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Samantha Crossley
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Music: Gerry & Jackie Guimond

The Bishop of Minnesota: The Rt. Rev. Craig W. Loya

***Watch Holy Trinity Livestream on Facebook
Sundays: 10:00 am
Services can also be viewed on KCC-TV***

What Child Is This



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On
2. Why lies he in such mean estate Where
3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come



Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for
peas - ant, king to own him; The King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y.

*(Lines in **BOLD** are spoken by the People)*

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

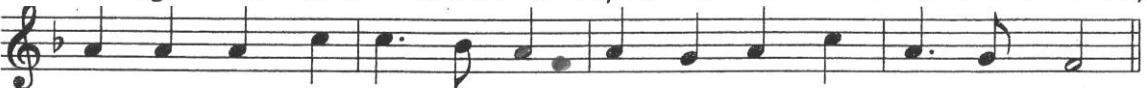
The Celebrant says

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.**

Angels, From The Realms Of Glory Gloria for Christmas



- 1 An - gels from the realms of glor-y, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep-herds in the fields a-bi-ding,watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges leave your con-tem-pla-tions,brighter vis-ions beam a - far;
- 4 Though an in - fant now we view him, He shall fill his Fa-ther's throne,



- 1 Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto-ry now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
- 2 God on earth is now re - si - ding,yon-der shines the in - fant light.
- 3 seek the great de - sire of na-tions, ye have seen his na - tal star;
- 4 Ga - ther all the na-tions to him; ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down.



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De-o!



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72

Let The Heavens Rejoice

Based on Ps 98 TOM KENDZIA / NALR

Let all the heavens rejoice and all the earth be glad.

Give glory to God in the highest for Jesus Christ is born.

1. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.
A light has shone on us this day: Jesus Christ is born.

2. Let the sea and all that it holds resound to all the earth.
Let the rivers clap their hands, the mountains shout for joy!

3. All the ends of the earth, all the ends of the earth,
All the ends of the earth ... have seen the saving power of our God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

I Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—assume that you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

All who are able, please stand.

Gradual Hymn

A CHILD IS BORN

Gregory Norbet, O.S.B.

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Gregory Norbet, O.S.B.

Refrain

A child is born for us to - day, al -
le lu - ia. He is our sav - ior
and our God, al - le lu - ia.

1. Let our hearts re - sound with joy and
2. Tell the world of our good news:
3. Christ is born, the Christ has come!

1. sing a song of glad - ness,
 2. Je - sus the Christ is a - mong us,
 3. Sing ev - 'ry one: al - le - lu ia!

1. for the Lord our broth - er is
 2. and his pres - ence we cel - e - brate,
 3. Caught in won - der at this birth we

1. come and we are re - deemed. R.
 2. of - fer - ing peace and our joy to all. R.
 3. wor - ship God be - come man for us. R.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

Sermon

All who are able, please stand.

People and Celebrant

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.

Prayers of the People

God's glory has been veiled in flesh. Our flesh has become a glorious epiphany. Let us then present before the Lord of glory our gift of prayer for those who are in need, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who walk in the darkness of violence and oppression, and for all who by their life and preaching cast into that darkness the light of God's peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who carry on the teaching of prophets and apostles, and for the full communion in life and worship of those who receive God's word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have at their disposal this world's riches, and for all who call out to them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who raise their eyes to the heavens looking for healing and deliverance, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the rulers of the earth, and for every child that stands in need of their protection, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in any need, especially Michael Valdez, Ashley Kostiuk, Meghan Finlayson, Mike Solomon, Julie Melstrom, Jane Barthel, Menchu Lopez, Wade Howe, Brenda Wood, Dave Karraffa, Kristi Jorgenson, Todd Johnson, Karen Cendejas, Sue Vidor. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who serve those in need of food, clothing and warm spaces during the cold winter months; pray for all ministries for our youngest members within the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, and all those in our faith community who are involved with faith formation ministries with children, youth and young adults. For St. Johns' Anglican Church (*Fort Frances, Ontario*) and Zion Lutheran Church (Int'l Falls). Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who through death have passed into the full epiphany of God's glory, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O God of stars and journeys, you lead us day by day to the joyful vision of your light. Move us by the power of your word that we too might open our gifts for others and so receive in our hearts the child of Bethlehem. So may you be praised and adored through the same Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, this day of your Epiphany, now and forever.

Celebrant says

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***

Silence.

Confession of Sin

All who are able, please kneel.

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister and People

**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 Priest stands and says

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 The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated

Announcements

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us.

All who are able, please stand

Offertory Hymn

155 Arise, Shine

Refrain

A - rise, shine! Your light has come: the light that shat-ters the dark-ness, and the glo - ry of God is ris-en up - on you!

1. The peo - ple who stum-bled in the dark - ness,
2. The yoke of your suf-f'ring shall be lift - ed,

the peo - ple have seen the light of hope;
the rod of op - pres-sion's weight shall break;

the peo - ple who dwelt be - neath death's shad-ow,
the weap - ons of ha - tred shall be shat - tered,

on them the light has shown!
and wars shall be no more!

3. For un - to us a child is born, the Ho - ly One is
giv - en to be light for all the peo - ple in night,

D.C.

Cantor:

All:

1-7. 8. D.C.

Coun - selor;
God;
mer - cy;
World;
Jus - tice;
Peace;
Heal - er;

Truth!

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you; _____ and the glo - ry of God is ris - en up - on _____
no rit. you! _____

Text: Isaiah 9, 60; Marty Haugen, b.1950

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst
out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope
for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus Louvores de Deus

Inca Flute Tradition



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One. God of won - der and Joy. Hea - ven and
earth your pres - ence re - vealed, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, One. Bless'd the
One who comes in your name; Bless'd the One as Bro - ther we claim;
Bless'd our God for - ev - er to reign; Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Anamnesis Louvores de Deus

Inca Flute Tradition

When we eat this life-giving bread; When we share the wine of our lives; You are here a-live in our midst; Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly One.

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever.

Amen Louvores de Deus

Inca Flute Tradition

Bless our God for ever to reign; Amen, Amen, Amen.

The people may stand or kneel.

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei Louvores de Deus

Inca Flute Tradition

Lamb of God, com - pas - sion - ate One; Lamb of God, your kin - dom is come;
Lamb of God, so much yet un - done; make us your ev - er - las - ting peace.

The Celebrant breaks the bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is open to everyone

Communion Hymn

RISE UP, SHEPHERD, AND FOLLOW

Spiritual

Verses



1. There's a star in the East on Christ-mas morn; Rise up,
2. Leave your sheep, leave your sheep, and leave your lambs; Rise up,
3. If you take good heed to the an - gel's words; Rise up,



1. shep-herd, and fol-low; It will lead to the place where the
2. shep-herd, and fol-low; Leave your ewes and your rams, leave your
3. shep-herd, and fol-low; You'll for - get your flocks, you'll for -

Refrain



1. Christ was born; 2. ewes and rams; 3. get your herds; } Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low. Fol - low,



fol - low; Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low. Fol-low the Star of



Beth - le - hem; Rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All who are able, please stand or kneel

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

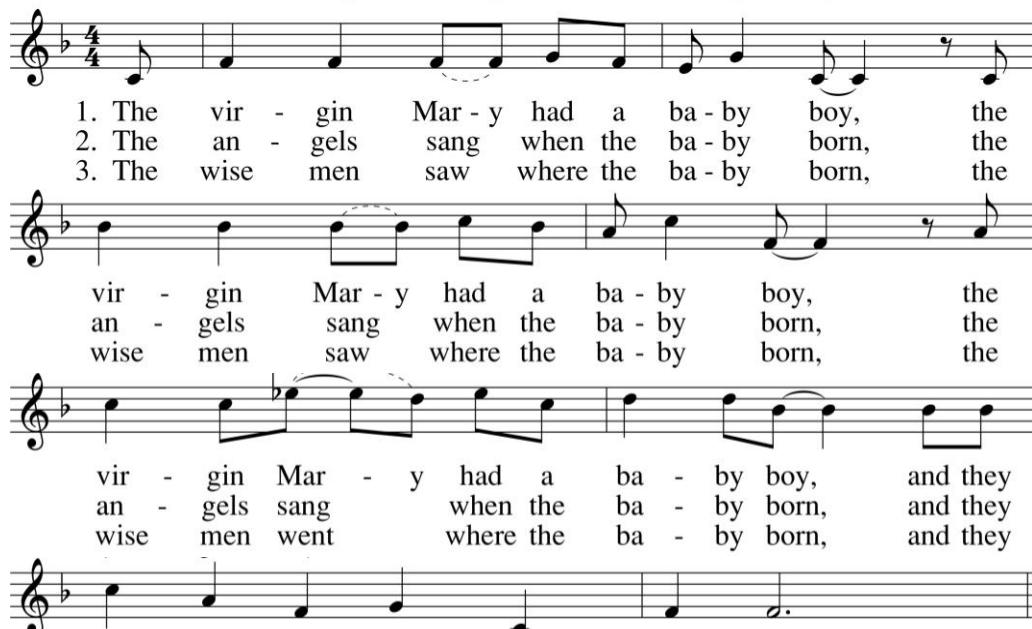
Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find
the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find
the Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy



1. The vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by boy, the
2. The an - gels sang when the ba - by born, the
3. The wise men saw where the ba - by born, the

vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by boy, the
an - gels sang when the ba - by born, the
wise men saw where the ba - by born, the

vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by boy, and they
an - gels sang when the ba - by born, and they
wise men went where the ba - by born, and they

say that his name was Je - sus.
say that his name was Je - sus.
say that his name was Je - sus.

He come from the glo - ry, he come from the
glo - rious king - dom. Oh, yes! be - liev - er!
Oh, yes! be - liev - er! He come from the
glo - ry, he come from the glo - rious king - dom.

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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Next Sunday: January 11th ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

Annual Meeting

Sunday January 18th, 2026 11:30 a.m.

We will need some Vestry members

Please take your January Newsletters!



Poinsettias

IN MEMORY OF

Carolyn Davison *Loved Ones*

Georgeann & Andy Wright “

Lee & Carol Grim “

Michele Dahlin “

Crossley/Yount Family

Delbert & Bonnie Hickey Helen Fichuk & John Shewchuk



***Jan 4th - 10th ~ Jeanne Corrin
~ Mike Noland***



Jan 10th ~ John Briggs

*Congratulations to you: May your faith be true &
May God's love and blessing descend upon you!*