

Welcome to
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



5th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8th 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

Deacon: The Venerable Rev. Lee Grim

Reader: Georgeann Wright

Music: Gerry & Jackie Guimond

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

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World Peace Prayer

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -
spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from
hate to love, from war to peace; let peace fill our
hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni-verse.

1. Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an - gry guns,
2. So man - y lone-ly hearts, so man - y bro - ken lives,
3. Let jus - tice ev - er roll, let mer - cy fill the earth,
still now your peo-ple die, earth's sons and daugh - ters.
long - ing for love to break in - to their dark - ness.
let us be - gin to grow in - to your peo - ple.

Let jus - tice roll, let mer - cy pour down,
Come, teach us love, come, teach us peace,
We can be love, we can bring peace,
D.C.

come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
we can still be your way of com - pas-sion.

*(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.**

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

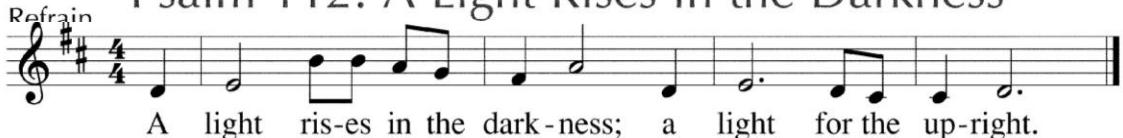
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112

Psalm 112: A Light Rises in the Darkness

Refrain



A light rises in the dark-ness; a light for the up-right.

1. They are lights in the darkness for the upright;
they are generous, merciful and just.
Good people take pity and lend, they conduct their affairs with honor.
2. The just will never waver, they will be remembered for ever.
They have no fear of evil news; with firm hearts they trust in the Lord.
3. With steadfast hearts they will not fear. Openhanded, they give to the poor;
their justice stands firm for ever. Their heads will be raised in glory.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within?

So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who are able, please stand.

Gradual Hymn

Alleluia! May our hearts feel Your Word;
Alleluia! May our lives make It heard!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

Let us pray for all people, for all nations, and for the church, offering silent prayer as we are bidden.

I ask your prayers for God's church, for all who serve it, for this assembly, and for all God's people everywhere. Pray for the church.

I ask your prayers for the good earth, that all people may respect its resources, preserve its future, and enjoy its fruits in their season. Pray for the soil and the sea.

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, that they may act deliberately and dispassionately, and for the good of all. Pray for those who govern.

I ask your prayers for peace, that the peoples of the world may live in safety and without fear. Pray for peace.

I ask your prayers for the wealthy, the free, and the healthy, that they may use their possessions to aid those in need. Pray for compassion among people.

I ask your prayers for the sick, the sorrowing, and those who are alone. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

We pray for all those in any need, especially Robin Monahan, Mike LeMieux, Michael Valdez, Meghan Finlayson, Mike Solomon, Julie Melstrom, Jane Barthel, Menchu Lopez, Wade Howe, Dave Karraffa, Kristi Jorgenson, Todd Johnson, Karen Cendejas, Sue Vidor. We pray.

We pray for those who serve on Council, Mission Area Teams, Trustees, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Disciplinary Board, Chancellors and for the treasurer of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. For St. Johns' Anglican Church (*Fort Frances, Ontario*) and First Baptist Church (Int'l Falls). We pray.

I ask your prayers for the faithful departed, that God give them eternal rest. Pray for those who have died.

God of all the living, hear the prayers of your faithful people, and grant our requests. Strengthen us for the tasks you give us, and bring us at last to praise you forever with your saints, through Christ our Lord.

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

Here Am I

1. Here am I, Where un - der - neath the bridg - es
2. Here am I, With peo - ple in the line - up,
3. Here am I, Where two or three are gath - ered,

Of our win - ter cit - ies Home-less peo - ple sleep.
Anx - ious for a hand - out, Ach - ing for a job.
Read - y to be al - tered, Shar - ing wine and bread.

Here am I, Where in de - cay - ing hous - es Lit - tle
Here am I, When pen - sion - ers and strik - ers Sing and
Here am I, Where those who hear the preach - ing Change their

chil - dren shiv - er, Cry - ing at the cold. Where are you?
march to - geth - er, Want - ing some-thing new. Where are you?
way of liv - ing, Find the way to life. Where are you?

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.

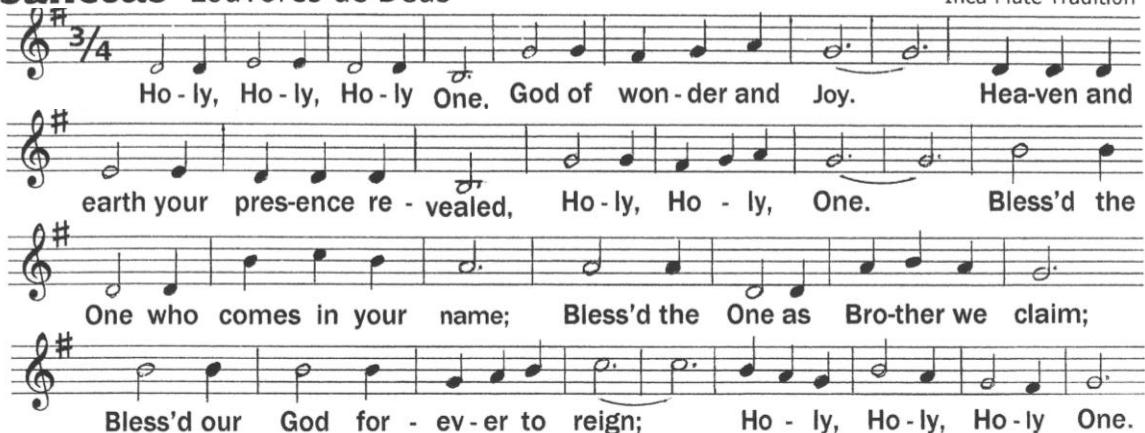
All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

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 - e- ver to reign; A - - - men, A - men, A - men.

The people may stand or kneel.

The Celebrant then continues

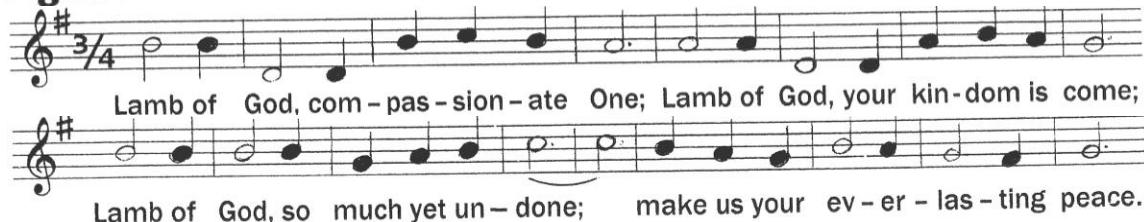
As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for 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

Let Us Be Bread

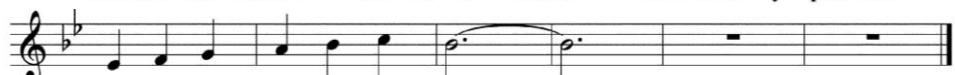
Refrain



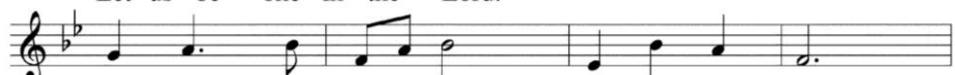
Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro - ken and shared,



life for the world. Let us be wine, love free - ly poured.



Let us be one in the Lord.



1. I am the bread of life, bro - ken for all.

D.C.



Eat now and hun - ger no more.



2. You are my friends if you keep my com - mands,

D.C.

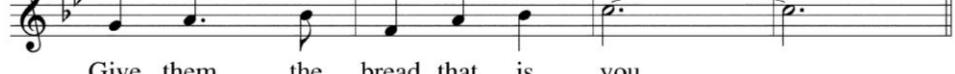


no long - er ser - vants but friends.

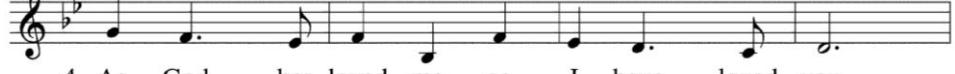


3. See how my peo - ple have noth - ing to eat.

D.C.

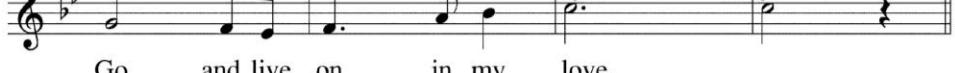


Give them the bread that is you.



4. As God has loved me so I have loved you.

D.C.



Go and live on in my love.

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

Remember that life is short and we haven't much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you, always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn:

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Cantor:

1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
 4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:

All:

Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
 Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
 Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
 Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour-ney and

All:

life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
 bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
 seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
 love our home-land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the

King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,

Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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

Valentine's Day Blessings



*We Love Because He First Loved Us
1 John 4 v 19*