

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany
February 23, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Trinity

Prelude *Adoration*

Florence Price

Welcome

Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer

BCP, p. 355

A Moment of Silent Prayer *(please kneel, as able)*

Processional Hymn *(please stand, as able)*

God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

Hymn 379

The Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen***

The Collect for Purity

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

Hymn S280

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children ages 3-8 come to the front of the church, follow the leader and return at the Peace.

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (45:3-11, 15)

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

A Reading from the Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (15:35-38, 42-50)

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

Sequence (*please stand, as able*)

Father All Loving, Who Rulest In Majesty

Hymn 568

The Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Parents of Small Children: Please know that infants and small children are welcome to worship with you. For your convenience, the Parlor is available with sound if needed.

The Sermon

The Rev. Joanna Unangst

The Nicene Creed *(please stand, as able)*

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The Prayers of the People, Form VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for the appointment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury, for our Presiding Bishop Sean, for our Bishops Andrew, Brian, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, praying together for those on our parish prayer list.

Barry, Bob, Carol, Curt, Deirin, Donna, Gus, Joseph, Lindsey, Lyndia, Oliver

(Silence: the Deacon, people and Celebrant may insert their own petitions.)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence: The People may add their own thanksgivings)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence, The People may add their own petitions)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Celebrant and 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

The Absolution

The Peace *(please stand, as able)*

BCP, p. 308

Announcements

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a Guest Card located in the pew rack in front of you, so we can share with you what God is doing here at Trinity and how you can be a part of it.

Ministry in a Minute-Camp Allen

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

By your Baptism you are welcome to receive communion with us. Gluten free wafers and wine are available at the Altar Rail on the Gospel side (left side as you face the Altar). These wafers and the wine are separate from the wafers made of wheat. Please let the priest know you wish gluten free by putting your palms face down. If you have mobility concerns and need to stay in your seat but would like to receive communion, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *I Choose Love*

Mark Miller

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.
In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.
When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.
Lindy Thompson

Doxology

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.

As the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, please stand.

Prayers at Offertory

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

People ***Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

People ***Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your people for the work of your Church.

People ***Amen***

The Great Thanksgiving

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| Eucharistic Prayer A | BCP, p. 361 |
| Sanctus | Hymn S125 |
| The Lord's Prayer | BCP, p. 364 |
| Agnus Dei | Hymn S161 |
| Fraction Anthem | Hymn S167 |
| Communion Song <i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i> | arr. Moses Hogan |

Communion Hymns

I Come With Joy

Hymn 304

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Hymn 602

Lord, Make Us Servants Of Your Peace

Hymn 593

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Hymn 493

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Postlude *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

James Weldon Johnson

Finale (Sonata #1)

Florence Price

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Trinity

We are so happy that you chose to worship with us today. Trinity is a wonderful place to be! Please fill out the Guests Card you see in the pews. Jennifer Davenport will contact you for membership information or any questions.

MARDI GRAS PARADE AND SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Join us for our Mardi Gras Parade and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, on Tuesday, March 4 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner starts around 5:00 p.m. and lasts until the pancakes run out. The King and Queen will be crowned and the parade begins at 6:00 p.m. Park your bikes, scooters and wagons outside of the TEDS building and be part of the parade, decorations will be available! Those watching the parade can help distribute beads to participants. It is fun for the whole family! Pancakes and sausage provided by our Holy Smokers, love offerings accepted. The roots of Mardi Gras lie in the Christian calendar, as the "last hurrah" before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. The day is also known as Shrove Tuesday (from "To shrive" or hear confessions). The custom of making pancakes comes from the need to use up fat, eggs, and dairy before the fasting and abstinence of Lent begins.

LAWN CREW VOLUNTEERS

As we continue to serve and care for our beautiful church grounds, we are seeking volunteers to join our Church Lawn Crew. Maintaining the lawn and garden areas is a wonderful way to serve our community and contribute to the beauty of our church. Whether you have a green thumb or just enjoy being outdoors, we would love for you to be a part of this dedicated team. No experience is necessary—just a willingness to lend a hand and enjoy some time in fellowship. Please contact Will Holt at wbholt@yahoo.com. Together, we can keep our church grounds looking inviting and beautiful,

FAITH EXPLORERS

Faith Explorers' Lenten Study begins Wednesday, March 12. We will be using the Living Well Through Lent series from Living Compass with the theme of Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit In Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind. Books can be found in the Narthex. Come at 12:30 to share a bag lunch and community. Discussion begins at 1:00. Contact Bev Redd at 610-304-6630 or bevredd@gmail.com for more information.

FR. FRANK'S LENT WEEKLY STUDY

Fr. Frank will facilitate a Zoom group for Living Well Through Lent 2025. This year's Living Compass devotional takes us on a journey exploring different fruits of the Spirit each week: faithfulness, peace, joy, generosity, patience, and love. Books will be available in the narthex, and you can download a free PDF copy at Living Compass. We'll meet at 3pm every Sunday through Lent beginning March 9. Let Fr. Frank know if you would like to join or sign-up in the narthex.

LENTEN CENTERING PRAYER

Mother Joanna+ will be leading a Centering Prayer group, open to all people. It will be 40 minutes of reflecting on the week's Gospel through centering prayer, in the peace of the Youth Community Building. It is a gift of peaceful spiritual practice during the Lenten season - Every Sunday, March 16 - April 6, 8:55am - 9:35am

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is the spiritual practice of seeking loving, liberating and life-giving relationship with God and one another. The gift of the rite of reconciliation is transformative, a gift of deep listening, forgiveness, and the grace of God. Starting March 3, Father Frank and Mother Joanna will be offering Rite of Reconciliation each Monday of Lent, in the nave. Every Monday, March 3 - April 14, 1 - 3 pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is the first of the forty days of Lent, named for the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshipers. The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality, and the eternal holiness and mercy of God. It is a beautiful, solemn, and holy service marking the beginning of Lent, a need which all Christians have to renew their repentance and faith in God. Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 6 am, 12 pm, and 7 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, Father Frank and Mother Joanna will lead Stations of the Cross, a beautiful and spiritually-rich traditional Lenten devotional. Micki will provide hymns and other musical offerings. Fridays, in the nave, at 6pm, from March 7 - April 11.

SEEKING GREEN THUMBS!

The Flower Guild needs several new members to help beautify the Sanctuary for services. Prior experience is not required! Two-member teams serve every 5 or 6 weeks arranging the flowers typically on Saturday before the next day's services. There is additional activity during Holy Week and Advent. If you are interested, please contact the office or Linda Brown at Lindatbrown147@gmail.com

M.A.D.D CAMP 2025

Calling all budding thespians! MADD (Music, Art, Dance, Drama) will be June 16-20, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., with performance Fri, June 20 at 6:00 p.m. This year's musical is *Once Upon a Parable*. MADD Camp is open to students who have completed 1st-6th grades. Register online at the church's website or for more information, contact Micki Balog at mbalog@trinitywoodlands.org

YOUTH COMMUNITY

Calling all 7th-12th graders! Youth Community every Sunday from 6-8 p.m.! We will meet in Butler Hall for dinner and games, and then move to the Youth Community Building (YCB) for small group Bible study. Bring a friend! Follow us on Instagram @trinity.youth.community, and join our band on the Band App!

CHILDREN'S NURSERY & CHAPEL

During the 10AM service children ages 3-8 are invited to Children's Chapel for their own Liturgy of the Word. We sing songs, say kid versions of the prayers their adults are saying in Big Church, read the same scripture from Big Church from a children's Bible, have a mini children's sermon, and sing some more Bible songs. They return to their adults in the Big Church at the Peace. Mrs. Jen, Mrs. Holly, Mtr. Joanna, and Fr. Frank takes turns leading Children's Chapel and would love to see your kiddos! The Trinity Nursery is available for children ages 0-3 for the entire service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing: Violet, Virlen W., Lindsey S., Curt H., Sarah K., Matt H., Andy H., Anthony N., Bonnie, Marta A., Amanda A., Curt G., Barry B., Stephen B., Kate, Courtney, Theresa, Bill, Clay, Diane, Nancy S., and Lyndia

Thanksgiving: Sandy Soghikan and Nancy DeForest

Guidance: Chris, Scott and Ryan

Death: Waymon Hunter, Carolyn Donnelly, Shirley McCord, Eric Geiger and Norma Brown



Associate Rector - The Rev. Frank Samuelson

Associate Rector - The Rev. Joanna Unangst

Deacon - The Rev. Russ Oechsel

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Music Associate and Principal Organist - Jack Balog

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