

TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*

ANNUAL MEETING



The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

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Annual Meeting

February 2, 2025

10 am

Trinity Episcopal Church
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Welcome to Trinity Church!

Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to greet you today or on your next visit in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card with the usher/greeter.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis continues to present some challenges. Your health and well-being are our highest priority. If you are not feeling well, we ask that you keep some distance from others and refrain from taking the common Cup.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go.

Children are always very welcome at worship services. Please pick up a "Sunday Paper" from the ushers and some crayons. Puzzles and quiet toys are available in a basket in the rear of the church. The nursery is not staffed, but you are welcome to visit it with your child. The audio from the sanctuary is transmitted to the nursery.

Sunday School takes place during the first part of the 10 am service from September to early June.

Leading Worship Today

Celebrant & Preacher: Nancy Dilliplane

Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality & Accompanist: Martha Dudich

Greeter/Usher: Natalie Welker-Marx

Chalice: Joanne Welker

Lay Reader: Diana Martinez

Intercessor & Psalmist: Bob Kinney

Altar Guild: Meg Perry & Joanne Welker

Acolyte: Sue Capanear

Open/Close: Zimmerman/ Welker

A/V: Deb Grant

THE WORD OF GOD

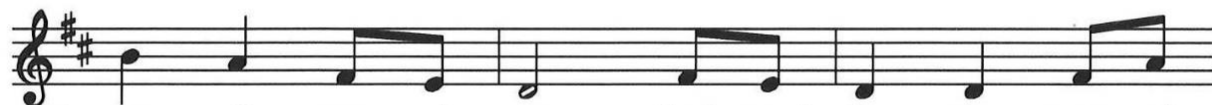
Prelude

Gathering Hymn Sing a New Church Into Being

NETTLETON



1. Sum-moned by the God who made us Rich in
2. Ra-diant ris-en from the wa-ter, Robed in
3. Trust the good-ness of cre-a-tion; Trust the
4. Bring the hopes of ev-'ry na-tion; Bring the
5. Draw to-geth-er at one ta-ble All the



1. our di-ver-si-ty, Gath-ered in the name of
2. ho-li-ness and light, Male and fe-male in God's
3. Spir-it strong with-in. Dare to dream the vi-sion
4. art of ev-'ry race. Weave a song of peace and
5. hu-man fam-i-ly; Shape a cir-cle ev-er

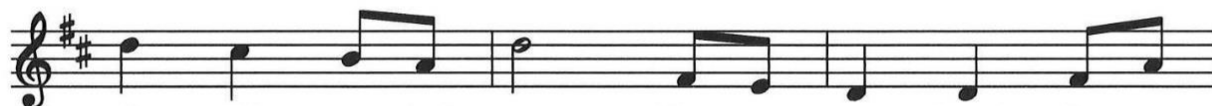


1. Je-sus, Rich-er still in u-ni-ty:
2. im-age, Male and fe-male, God's de-light:
3. prom-ised, Sprung from seed of what has been.
4. jus-tice; Let it sound through time and space.
5. wid-er And a peo-ple ev-er free.

Refrain



Let us bring the gifts that dif-fer And, in



splen-did, var-ied ways, Sing a new church in-to



be-ing, One in faith and love and praise.

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Salutation: *One:* The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
Many: **And we beheld his glory.**

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Blessing and Sending of the Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine;
 this lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine;
 this lit-tle light of mine,
 I'm gon-na let it shine; let it shine, let it
 shine, let it shine.

Collect

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons

First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84

1. How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
2. 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 God of hosts,
my Ruler and my God.
3. Happy are they who dwell in your house; *
they will always be praising you.
4. Happy are the people whose strength is in you; *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
5. 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.
6. They will climb from height to height; *
the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.
7. O God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8. Behold our defender, O God, *
and look upon the face of your Anointed,
9. 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;
10. For God is both sun and shield *
and will give grace and glory.
11. No good thing will God withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
12. __O God of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Lesson

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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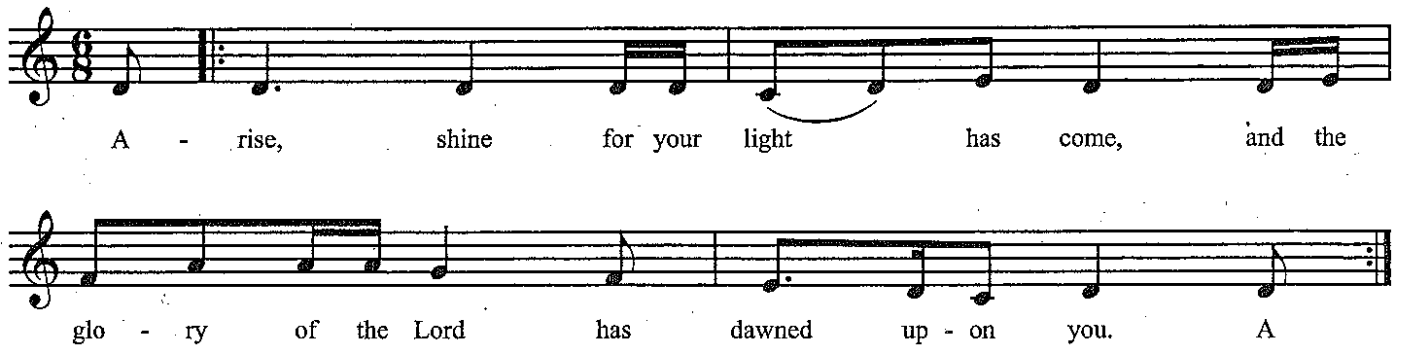
Please stand, as you are able, for the singing of the Gospel Anthem and the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Anthem

PART 1:

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you, A

PART 2:



A - rise, shine for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

Rector's Annual Report

Nancy Dilliplane

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 the church, the world and one another saying: This day and always, Christ be our Light.

Shine in your church, O God; embolden us, in a dark world, to speak truthfully and to act with the courage of love. We pray for all of the baptized, and especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Nancy our Rector, for Martha, Sara and Cynthia, our staff, and for the members of our Vestry.
This day and always, **Christ, be our Light.**

Shine on your world, O God; heal the warring of nations and the wounding of the earth to give us peace at last. We pray for the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, and for their families.
This day and always, **Christ, be our Light.**

Shine for your people, O God; make us one human family who clothe each other with mercy and feed each other with justice. We pray for, Donald, our President, Josh our governor, and for our congress, assemblies and courts.
This day and always, **Christ, be our Light.**

Shine in our hearts, O God; help us to reach to the heavens and deep in our souls to seek you, to find you, and to know you. We pray for Jillian, and for the students, teachers and families of the Trinity Buckingham Academy.
This day and always, **Christ, be our Light.**

Shine for the afflicted, O God; remind them of your deep compassion and how you tenderly bear all our sorrows. We pray for the Code Blue shelter guests and volunteers. We pray for those on our parish prayer list and those we carry in our hearts, especially those we name now either silently or aloud (*silence during which parishioners may add their own prayers*).
This day and always, **Christ, be our Light.**

Shine in the saints and departed O God; especially *N.* in whose memory the altar flowers are given today and those we name now, aloud or silently... Teach us to follow their lead to outrageous faith and eternal love.

This day and always, **Christ, be our Light.**

Shine, O God, as the Light that creates, the Light that calls, the Light that comes again with every dawn. Shine as the Light that scatters every shadow, and the Light in which we promise to walk, with your help. We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offering of our Common Life

Offertory Anthem: Now Let Your Servant Go ~*Ruth Duck* **The Trinity Choir**

At God's table, there is food for all who are hungry. If you are seeking God and a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, and would like to learn more about what this could mean for you please speak to our rector, Nancy. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, please ask the server if you desire either. You may sip from the chalice, or dip your bread using careful hands. If you prefer to receive only the bread, simply bypass the chalice and return to your seat. If you prefer not to receive bread or wine at this time, place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing, or remain seated and honor Communion in your heart.

Loving God, beyond limits of time and space, you come to us unbidden, and you sustain us in body and in spirit. We are grateful to receive you, as we are and where we are, whether we receive you in physical or spiritual bread. May this Holy Communion nourish our faith, open our eyes to your goodness, open our hearts to those in need, and strengthen us to do your will in the week ahead. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer 3

(from *Enriching our Worship*)

One: God be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 as formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you. O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

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.

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

With confidence as God's children we now pray as Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

One: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

Many: **We who are many are one body for we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **grant us peace.**

The Communion of the People


Post Communion Prayer

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 and the gift of this meal that we too might open our gifts for others and receive in our hearts the child of Bethlehem. So may you be praised and adored, this season of your Epiphany, now and forever. Amen.


Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**


Closing Hymn Lord, you give the great commission




1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,




and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in celebration of Bernadette Gross's 89th birthday by Judi Gross.



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Annual Meeting February 2, 2025

Agenda

I. Call to order (Nancy Dilliplane)

II. Appointment of Secretary for the annual meeting—Sara Swidorski

III. Prayer & Listening Hearts guidelines (Nancy Dilliplane)

Prayer for the Parish: Almighty and ever-living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in Trinity Buckingham for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Guidelines for being with one another today:

1. Take time to become settled in God's presence.
2. Listen to others with your entire self (senses, feelings, intuition, imagination, and rational faculties).
3. Do not interrupt.
4. Pause between speakers to absorb what has been said.
5. Do not formulate what you want to say while someone else is speaking.
6. Speak for yourself only, expressing your own thoughts and feelings, referring to your own experiences.
7. Avoid being hypothetical. Steer away from broad generalizations.
8. Do not challenge what others say.
9. Listen to the group as a whole—to those who have not spoken aloud as well as to those who have.
10. Generally, leave space for anyone who may want to speak a first time before speaking a second time yourself.
11. Hold your desires and opinions — even your convictions — lightly.

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IV. Appointment of Judges of Election: Bonnie McCabe and Diana Martinez

V. Recognition of Vestry Service: Sue Capanear, Peter Oliver, Sara Swidorski

VI. Vestry Election

Candidates for Vestry:

Hank Grosz

Kay Kinney

Karen Parker

Natalie Welker-Marx (2nd term)

Other Vestry Members

Class of 2027: Deb Grant, Sara Swidorski (resigned 9/24), Janet Zimmerman (2nd term)

Class of 2026: Steve Downs, Jill Unger, Joanne Welker (2nd Term)

VII. Election of Delegates and Representatives

Diocesan Convention Delegates for 2025:

Natalie Welker-Marx

Deb Grant

Joanne Welker

Alternate?

Deanery Representatives for 2025:

Natalie Welker-Marx

Kathi Sadowski

Joanne Welker

VIII. Stewardship, Budget and Financial Overview (Barry McCabe)

IX. Property Overview (Steve Downs)

X. Motion to Adjourn

Lunch

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe, Presiding Bishop
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