

TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

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



January 5, 2025
The Feast of the Epiphany

10 am

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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

Guest Presider & Preacher: Nancy Dilliplane

Lay Associate for Liturgy, Music and Spirituality: Martha Dudich

Greeter/Usher: Steve Guidry

Chalice: Marjorie Guidry

Lay Reader: Diana Martinez

Psalmist & Intercessor: Jeff Kroberger

Acolyte: Joanne Welker

Altar Guild: Meg Perry & Joanne Welker

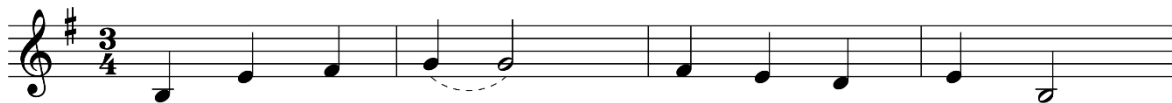
Open/Close: Steve Downs/Joanne Welker

A/V: Jill Unger

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: Christ be Our Light ~Bernadette Farrell



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



light for the world to see.
Make us your liv - ing voice.
shared un - til all are fed.
walls made of liv - ing stone.
mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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.

Canticle

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Many: **Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, upon them has the light dawned.**

One: As a child you have been born to us, as a son you have been given to us:

Many: **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

One: From the days of our ancestors' faith, in fulfillment of the covenants of promise,

Many: **Your word of love has struggled to be born and at the last is made clear in the Word made flesh.**

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.**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

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Please be seated for the Lessons

First Lesson

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.

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

Psalm 72: 1-7; 10-14

1. Give the king your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the king's son,
2. That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
3. That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
4. He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
5. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
6. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
7. In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
10. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
11. All rulers shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
12. For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
13. He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
14. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 3: 1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely 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.

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

Gospel Verse: Arise, Shine

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

The image shows four staves of musical notation in 8/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a five-line staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are: "A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A". The third staff repeats the first line of the melody with lyrics: "A - rise, shine for your light has come, and the". The fourth staff repeats the second line of the melody with lyrics: "glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A".

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2: 1-12

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

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.

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

Homily

the Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able for the Creed and the Prayers

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 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 Joe our president, Tom 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 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.**

The Offering of our Common Life

Offertory Anthem: Take Us Home by Another Way ~*Christopher Grundy*

Trinity Wise Men

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.

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 power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are

full, — full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. 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

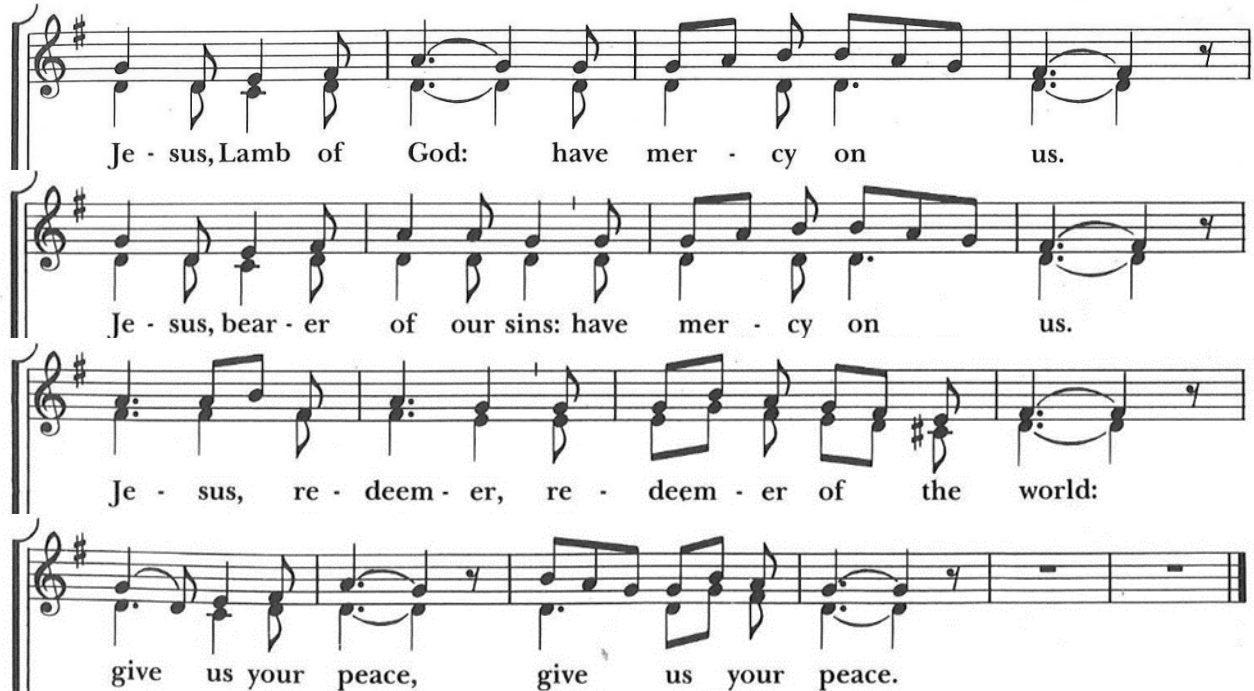
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,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



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Communion of the People



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O ——— star of won - der, star of night,
 star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,
 still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

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.**

Sending Hymn: What Star is This (on overleaf)

1. What star is this with beams so bright, More love - ly
 2. 'Tis now ful-filled what God de-creed, "From Ja - cob
 3. O Je - sus, while the star of grace Im - pels us
 4. To God Cre - a - tor, heav'n - ly light, To Christ, re -

than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a
 shall a star pro - ceed"; And lo! the east - ern
 on to seek your face, Let not our sloth - ful
 vealed in earth - ly night, To God the Spir - it

new - born king, Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.
 sag - es stand, To read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.
 hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of your light to use.
 blest we raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise!

Text: *Quem stella sole pulchrior*; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876, alt.
 Tune: PUER NOBIS, LM; adapt. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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The Altar Flowers this morning are given in thanksgiving for the January 4, 2025
 marriage of Sue and Don Capanear.