



January 10, 2021  
First Sunday After the Epiphany  
Morning Prayer

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Opening Sentences

BCP, Page 78

*Officiant begins*

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

*Isaiah 49:6b*

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant:* Alleluia! God is shown forth in glory:

*People:* O come, let us worship. Alleluia!

*Te Deum*

*All say together*

We praise you, O God;  
we acclaim you as the Holy One:

All creation worships you,  
Sovereign eternal.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise.

Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you;  
the noble gathering of prophets praise you;

The white-robed choir of martyrs praise you;  
throughout the world the holy church acclaims you.

God of infinite majesty,  
your true and only Word, worthy of all worship,  
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, reign in glory,  
you are the eternal Word of God.

When you came among us to set us free,  
you chose to be born of a woman.

You overcame the sting of death  
and opened heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory;  
we believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Christ, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood;

And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

### Antiphon

Officiant: Jesus saw the heavens torn open

People: and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

### Psalm 29

from *The Saint Helena Psalter*

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, \*  
ascribe to God glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; \*  
worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of God is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
God is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of God is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of God is a voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; \*  
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> God makes Lebanon skip like a calf \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice of God splits the flames of fire; the voice of God shakes the wilderness; \*  
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**

<sup>9</sup> And in the temple of the Holy One, \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> **God sits enthroned above the flood, \*  
enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.**

<sup>11</sup> God shall give strength to the people; \*  
God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

**Glory to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, One God.  
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for evermore. Amen**

### **Antiphon**

*Officiant:* Jesus saw the heavens torn open

*People:* **and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.**

### **The Lessons**

#### **First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Holy Gospel**

#### **Mark 1:4-11**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong

of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Homily

### The Apostles' Creed

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*Officiant and People together.*

I believe in God, our source and our maker,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, our Maker's only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven  
To be seated at the right hand of the Maker.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Prayers

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### Salutation

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

### The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant and People*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**Suffrages A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.**

**Collect of the Day** (*BCP, Page 238*)

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## For our Country

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought to this land out of many peoples and languages. Give the spirit of wisdom to those whom we entrust with the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, do not let our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer in Time of Great Sickness and Mortality

**O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, and viruses, we flee to you for succor. Deliver the people, we beseech you, from their peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the needy; prosper the means of their safety; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we all may apply our hearts unto your heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please offer your own prayers of petition and thanksgiving silently or aloud.*

## Collect for Sunday

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O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer for Mission

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**Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Announcements

## The General Thanksgiving

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*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Source of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks**

for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

#### Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

#### Trinity Mission Prayer

Dear God, guide us at Trinity Episcopal Church to be an inclusive and caring Christ-centered community nurtured by our worship and tradition. We ask you to strengthen and guide us as we live out our mission to welcome and celebrate the diversity of all people through spiritual education, growth in faith, and service in Christ's name. Amen.

#### Concluding Versicle

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

#### Concluding Sentence

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.

*Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

**Annual Meeting 2021 – Vestry Nominations:** The 164th Annual Meeting for Trinity Church will be held on Sunday March 7, 2021. The details of how this meeting will be conducted are TBD and will be communicated as we get closer to the date. At this time nominations to the vestry are now being accepted by the 2021 Vestry Nominating Committee, that includes the following member Lisa Pawluk, Pont Hall, Reggie Cole and Diane Serex-Dougan. If you are interested in serving on the vestry, please contact any committee member to make your desire known.

**Chalking the Door: Epiphany House Blessings!** Mother Rhetta+ is offering to use her magic priestly hands to bless your home in a unique Epiphanytide tradition. In this service, she will mark the outside of your door with chalk as a sign that you have invited God's presence and blessing into your home for all who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. Please contact Mother Rhetta+ or the office in you would like to arrange a home blessing.

**Why Are These Doves in My Yard?** In the spirit of Christ's peace, three doves from Trinity will be making the rounds to spend 2 – 3 days in the lawns of more parishioners. These doves will represent a simple three-part prayer for peace in 2021: Peace within, Peace between, Peace among. The doves have been made from recycled oil drums by an artist in Haiti. If you prefer not to be visited by these lawn ornaments, contact Kathleen in the Church office at 410.963.3773.

**Brown Bag Bible Study! Thursdays from 12-1pm on Zoom.** Grab a sandwich and your Bible to join in a discussion of weekly lectionary readings. The meeting information is available on our website or by contacting the office.

**Wednesday Night Live Evening Prayer with Sykes & Wiley!** Find the dynamic duo live at 6pm on YouTube @ Trinity Church Towson.

## PRAYERS

Intercessory prayer “is a profound, loving, and costly holding up of others who are on our hearts before God. True intercession is being with God, with the people on our hearts.” -Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE

Please help us keep our list up to date by contacting the office when you or someone you know is in need of prayer, and by also letting us know when special prayers are no longer needed.

### **We pray for those with immediate needs:**

Deacon Emeritus Bob Runkle & Mary Beth Jorgensen, Michael Shaw, Jim Thierer, Peggy Weller, Ruth Hall, Rita Davenport and Carol, Bob Peterson, Laurel Valenti and Rev. Chip Lee.

### **We pray for those with long-term needs:**

Phoebe Bacon, Pat Blake, June Burgess, Ilene Clarkson, Betty Denison, Ann & Ken Eder, Marina Gavrelis, Jack Gillett (grandson), Dottie Hagan, Betsy Hughes, Dick & Gini Patterson, Mary Reedy, Francis Schultz, Dixie Shelhoss, Ruth Stahl, Nancy Sword, Jim Weatherly, Ebbie Wheeler, Fred Webber and Pat Wolf.

### **For the repose of the soul of Speed Fry.**

**We offer special prayers for:** Our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico.

### **We pray for our students attending college/university:**

Stephanie Anderson, Alexis Arthur, Mason Ayotte, Michael Behnke, Vicah Blair, Natalie Bolander, Nicci Bonner, Vincent Boone-Banko, Charlie Bouloukos, Zenden Cole, Zac Eldridge, Amy Emminizer, Anna Fuhrman, Bridget Flynn, Maddie Grable, Alexandra Harrington, Faith Hall, Drew Hauber, Heather Hinson, Andrew Jenkins, Tommy King, Claire Krisanda, Allie Lawrence, Thomas Lewis, Naima MacDonald, Mason Miller-Breetz, Walker Miller-Breetz, Meron Miller, Taylor Moyer, Rehema Mwaisela, Sophie Mwaisela, Sarah Oliver, Hannah Preston, Danielle Rolle, Emma Riggs, Darah Schillinger, Madeline Stewart, Annie Swindell, Brittany Wellington, Kate Wittler, Kiely Woodward and Tori Wright.

**We pray for those serving in our military:** Jordan Clark and Toni Myatt.

**We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week:** Jennifer Culp, Abbie Miskimon, An Peterson, Jim Thierer, James Lilies, Daniel McShane, Martha Shelhoss and Judy Weber.

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