

TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Torrington, CT



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Presentation of the Lord
02/02/2025

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Welcome to Trinity Church!

*You are invited to participate in worship by using the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
and blue Hymnal, as indicated in this leaflet.*

The Word of God

Prelude

Picardy

Traditional 17th Century French Melody, Setting by Peter Pindar Stearns

As the prelude is played, please maintain silence in the sanctuary for prayer and reflection

Welcome

Please stand as you are able

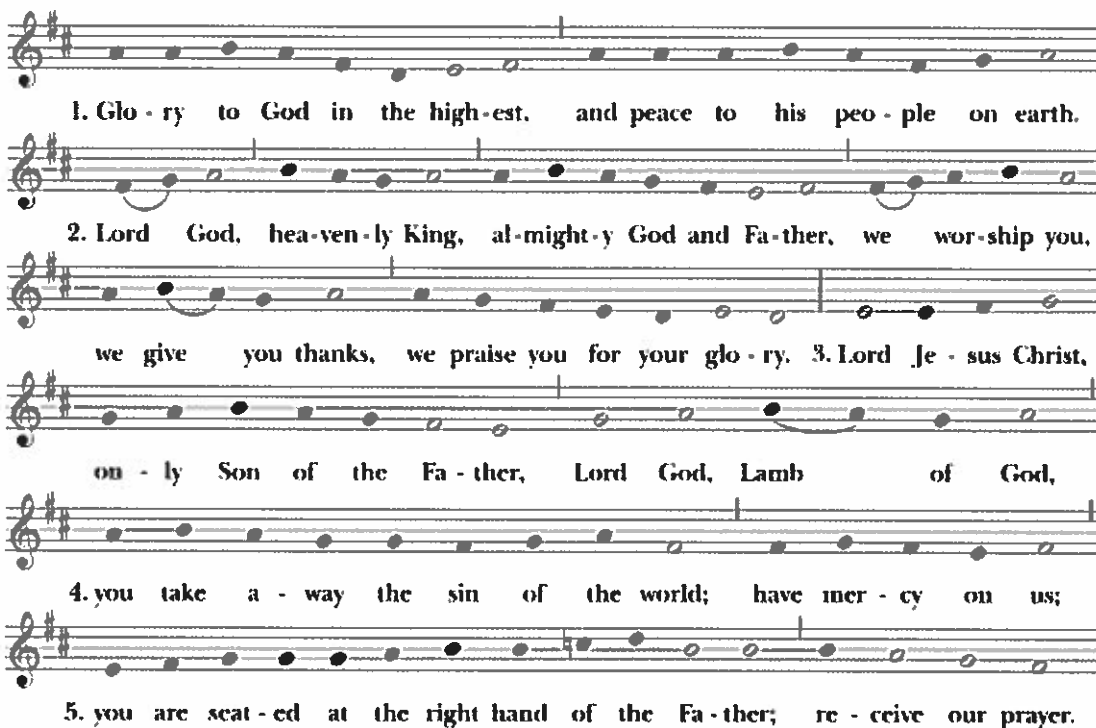
Opening Hymn 436 *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

Tune: *Truro*

Opening Acclamation - BCP page 355

Collect for Purity - BCP page 355

Gloria S-277



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y 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.

The Collect of the Day - BCP page 357

There is space for silent prayer, after which the presider concludes with the collect.

First Reading: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 - BCP page 707 *Prayed in unison*

Quam dilecta!

**1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 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 LORD of hosts,
my King 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, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD 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 the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Reading: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

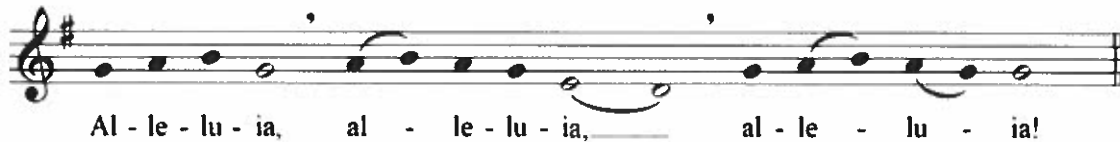
People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Hymn 257 O Zion, open wide thy gates

Tune: Edmonton

Alleluia sung first by the cantor then repeated by the Congregation



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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Reverend Marilyn Anderson

A period of silence for meditation and reflection follows the Sermon.

The Nicene Creed *Standing*

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form III - BCP page 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

A Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as she begins another year. Grant that she may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen her trust in your goodness all the days of her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Anniversaries

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

People: **Amen**

Confession of Sin - BCP page 360

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

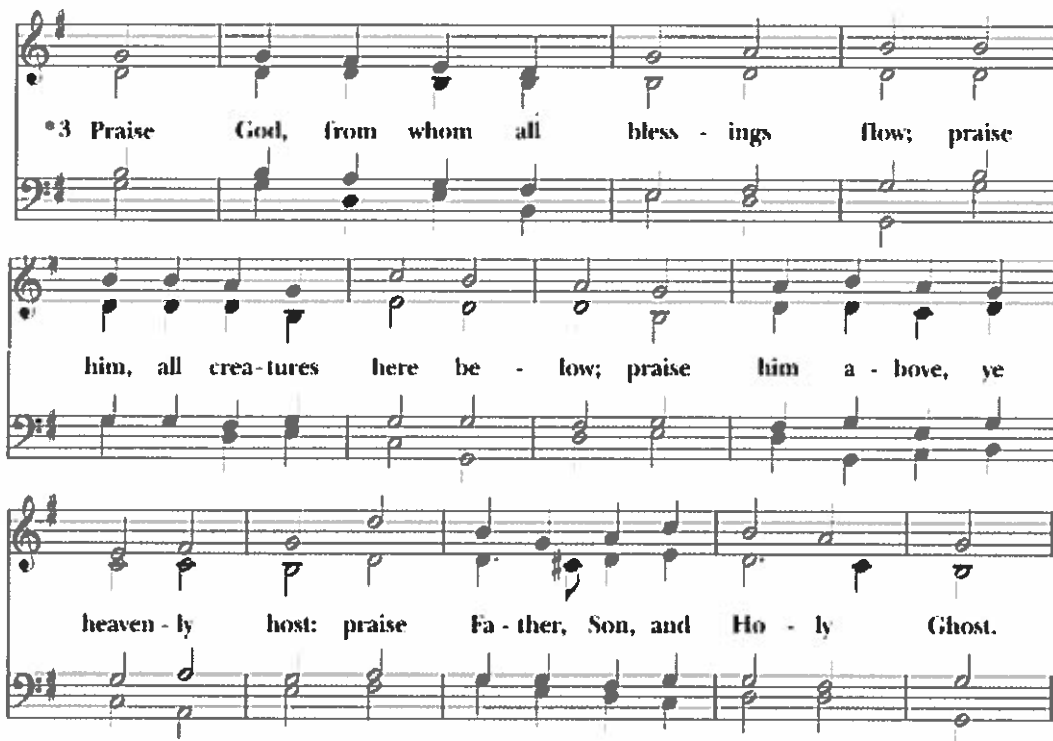
Nunc Dimittis or Song of Simeon

Geoffrey Burgon

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.*

At the Offertory as the Table is set, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically, through the bread and wine, hymn sung by the congregation, and the money and gifts we give. You are invited to give as you feel called, either by placing your offering in the plate as it is passed around or by going to our website, www.trinity-torrington.org/donate.

Presentation Hymn: 380, verse 3



*3 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.

Eucharistic Prayer A - BCP page 361

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

The Presider inserts a Proper Preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord - S-130

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are several measures with rests in the vocal line, indicated by a horizontal line with a fermata-like symbol.

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.

Presider: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: AMEN.

Presider: And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

The consecrated bread is broken. Silence is kept. Then, all sing:

Fraction Anthem S-164

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

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

The image shows a musical score for a Fraction Anthem. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system has the lyrics "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." and the second system has the lyrics "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion of the People

Communion Music

Tim Wallace

The Postcommunion Prayer *All stand*

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Vestry Greeting and Announcements *All seated*

Blessing *All stand.*

Closing Hymn 517 *How lovely is thy dwelling-place*

Tune: *Brother James' Air*

Dismissal - BCP page 365

Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace, the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you, be gracious, The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

GriefShare®

SUPPORT GROUP

GriefShare

We are very excited to be offering the program called GriefShare, starting in February.

GriefShare is a 13 week program for adults.

Group members will find support, direction, and help after a loved one's death.

People from all belief systems (and people who do not practice a faith) have found this is program to be wonderfully beneficial.

The program is filled with practical tips on how to cope with loss and grief.

This program is open to the public, but registration is required.

We are very excited to be offering this program to the Northwest corner, as currently there is no other GriefShare program nearby that is offered during the day.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please register at Griefshare.com.

This program will begin on Monday February 24 from 10am to 11:30am and will continue each following Monday for 13 weeks.

If you need additional information or have questions, please contact

specialministries@trinity-torrington.org

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Mission Statement:

“We are an inclusive and accepting downtown community, welcoming all to join us on our journey to seek and share God’s abundant love through worship, the arts, and service in our community.”

Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM:

Holy Eucharist 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays

Morning Prayer 2nd and 5th Sundays

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