

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

January 10th, 2021 - 10 a.m.

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

To be baptized is to be incorporated into the dying of Jesus so as to become a participant in his risen life, and so to share his ongoing mission to the world. It is to be baptized into his mission.

— Leslie Newbigin

The Gospel in a Pluralist Society

Call to Worship (Psalm 96; *responsive*)

Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; *

proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, *

his marvelous deeds among all peoples. [NIV]

PRAISE

Hymn **He is Exalted** — music on page 2

He Is Exalted

Words and Music by
Twila Paris

VERSE

F F/A B \flat B \flat /C C 7



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on _ high, _ I will praise _ Him.

5 F F/A B \flat C/B \flat B \flat /C C D^{sus} D



He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name! _

CHORUS

11 Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am B \flat F/A Gm Dm/F



He is the Lord, _ for - ev - er His truth shall reign. Heav - en and

16 C/E C F Am B \flat F/A



earth _ re - joice in His ho - ly name. _

19 Gm B \flat /F E \flat B \flat /C F



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high! _

Prayer of Adoration (concluded by *The Song of the Redeemed*¹ in unison)

Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.
Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed. Amen.

¹ Also called the *Magna et mirabilia*, this canticle of praise is taken from Revelation 15:3-4.

Doxology

All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises. Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness.
O praise him. Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

RENEWAL

Confession of Sin (unison)

God of grace,
you have given us Jesus,
the light of the world,
but we choose darkness
and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love.
Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.
Baptize us with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed,
we may preach your Word to the nations
and tell of your glory shining in the face of our Lord forever. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. [Titus 3:5-7 (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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Hymn Come, Light, Light of God — music found below

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble staff with notes and a bass staff with chords. The lyrics are: "Come, light, light of God, o'er - whelm all cre - a - tion." The second system also has a treble staff with notes and a bass staff with chords. The lyrics are: "En - light - en our hearts; let your light dwell in us." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, Dm, C, F, Bb, F, Gm, F in the first system; Bb, Gm, C, Am, Bb, F in the second system.

Words and Music (COME, LIGHT OF GOD): The Sisters of the Community of Grandchamp, Switzerland; tr. Bert Polman (b. 1945); arr. Emily R. Brink (b. 1940) © The Sisters of the Community

COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: John 1:35-51

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things

than these.”⁵⁴ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.” [RSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“WHAT DO YOU SEEK?”
When Jesus Asks a Question

Pastor Higgins

Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there he will come 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.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Since we cannot gather for Holy Communion, we join in an act of *spiritual communion*, trusting in our Lord’s blessings & love in this present crisis.

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn To God Be the Glory — music is found below

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To God Be the Glory

G D7 G D G C

1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done; so loved he the
 2 O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

G A D G D7 G

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

D G C G/D D7 G

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our *trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

D D7

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

**ecstatic joy*

praise the Lord; let the peo-ple re-joice! O come to the Fa-ther through

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry; great things he has done.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875, alt., P.D.
 Music (TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 refrain 6.6.6.6.11.11): William H. Doane, 1875, P.D.

Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon his only begotten Son at his baptism in the River Jordan, pour out that Spirit on you; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service — BEACH SPRING
 from the *Sacred Harp 1844*
 Arr. by Chuck Marohnic

WORSHIP ARTISTS

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Trinity Church. We appreciate all that your music has contributed to our worship. Copyrighted songs are covered under CCLI #1250499 and CCS #11071.

TAMMY LUM - PIANO, ORGAN

JORDAN WILHELM - VOICE

ALETHEA WILHELM - VOICE

Trinity Church Announcements

CELEBRATING CHRIST, SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

TODAY

The Baptism of Christ. On the first Sunday after the Epiphany the church commemorates the baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Epiphany Season, which began on January 6 (the feast of the Epiphany, celebrating the coming of the Magi), includes the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple (on February 2) and lasts until the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday (this year on March 17).

- The church has long used symbolic color in its worship. As the dominating colors of God's creation change from season to season, so do the liturgical colors of the church calendar. The sequence of colors is meant to enhance the celebratory aspect of worship and to teach the gospel story throughout the year. White, the color of joy and festivity, is used as we celebrate the baptism of Jesus.

Prayer Focus for Epiphany. The word "epiphany" means "manifestation" or "revealing." As the season begins with the visit of the Magi—Jesus' revealing of himself to the Gentiles—so we pray for Jesus to reveal himself to all the nations of the world. So we pray especially...

- for the mission of the church & all those who share the love of God with the nations, especially praying for ministries at the United Nations and for those who are spreading the gospel in foreign lands;
- for the unity of the whole church, that our love for one another would make our witness more credible (note that the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity—January 18-25—occurs during the Epiphany season); and
- of course, for the whole world during this pandemic, especially praying for the sick, the suffering, and all those who care for them—and for a swift end to these difficult times.

Healing Prayer. Anyone wishing to pray for healing (physical, spiritual, emotional) for themselves, for loved one, and (especially now!) for the world, is invited to join Pastor Higgins for a brief liturgy of healing prayer. The service is scheduled to be held on Sundays at 11:30 on Zoom. The service will last for approximately 15 minutes. Login information will be in the church newsletter.

- Next Healing Prayer Service: February 7

COMING UP

SERMON SCHEDULE (*subject to change as we deal with the pandemic*)

NOTE: Briefer homilies will be given at the in-person services. For the full sermon on the same text, visit the audio & video recordings on the webpage.

January 17. John 2:1-12. "Why Do You Involve Me?" Pastor Higgins preaching

January 24. Mark 8:23-27. "Who Do You Say I Am?" Pastor Higgins preaching

January 31. John 9:35-41. "Do You Believe in the Son of Man?" Pastor Higgins preaching

EVENTS & COMMUNITY

Ways to Give:

- **We encourage giving online** through our secure website link on our church website: <https://www.trinitychurchny.com/giving/> Or, through our mobile app, *TrinityChurchNY*. Your faithful giving is not only an act of worship but is much appreciated by the Trinity Church leadership as we desire to continue ministry no matter what adjustments are necessary to meet current challenges. **If giving by check, mail it to the church office at 526 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase, NY 10577.**
- **COVID-19 Support** - On our church website, www.trinitychurchny.com, you will find a link labeled "COVID-19 Update" which is a letter from our pastors encouraging us all to be there for one another, and to assist you in doing so that we might BE the church God intends us to be. There are links to forms to Give Help (volunteer) and Get Help (specify a need).

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Ways to Connect:

- **Website:** www.TrinityChurchNY.com
- **SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook:** Trinity Presbyterian Church NY, **Facebook Group:** Trinity People Staying In Touch, **Instagram:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Church Mobile App:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Community Groups:** via video-conferencing. To join one, use our website Contact Form.
- **Prayer Team Support:** You can submit a prayer request using our mobile app or contact form on our website. Our Prayer Team would be pleased to pray for you.
- **Pastoral Care:** Call the church office 914-967-6247 and choose from the voice menu who you wish to speak to, or use the church website contact form and your request will be forwarded.
- **Newsletters:** to be added to the mailing list, use the church website Contact Form.

Adult CE Class. For Lent this year, Pastor Mark and Ann Higgins will be reading a group through Tish Harrison Warren's "Prayer in the Night" as an online adult education offering. Tish Harrison Warren's book will explore themes of vulnerability, suffering and God's seeming absence, structured around the nighttime prayer of Compline (which Pastor Mark led many of us through last year when COVID inserted itself into the rhythms of our lives). The approximate date for the class will be the second week of February, on or around Ash Wednesday. You can pre-order the book on Amazon and sign up from the link in our newsletter. Please contact Pastor Mark at markswanson@trinitychurch.cc if you have any questions.