

# TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

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



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8 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 at the registration desk.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis continues to present some challenges. Your health and well-being is our highest priority. While the CDC has ruled that vaccinated people may safely be indoors without masks, some in our community have not been vaccinated, so, while now optional, masking remains the safest practice.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go, and by using the provided cleaning supplies if you visit the restrooms.

Children are very welcome in the sanctuary. 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 for all ages will resume in the fall.

The half-hour long Children of All Ages Service, intentionally hospitable to young children, previously offered at 9:30 am, is currently on-hold. Please contact the office if you would be interested in resuming this worship format.

Worshipping during a pandemic is new for all of us. Please do not hesitate to contact Nancy our rector, Cynthia, our parish administrator, or any member of the vestry to share your comments, questions and suggestions.

## *Leading Worship Today*

**Celebrant:** Nancy Dilliplane

**Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality:** Martha Dudich

**Greeter/Usher:** Janet Zimmerman

**Lay Reader:** Meg Perry

**Altar Guild:** Joanne Welker/Meg Perry

**Open/Close:** Gillen/Vesely

# WORD OF GOD

## Salutation

*One:* Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

*Many:* **Glory to God forever and ever.**

## 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.**

## Kyrie

*One:* Lord, have mercy.

*Many:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*One:* Lord, have mercy.

## Collect

*One:* The Lord be with you.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

*One:* Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Lessons*

*The prophet Isaiah announces God's rejection of offerings and sacrifices given by people who lack compassion in their daily lives. God prefers a life of self-sacrifice, justice and protection for the poor and oppressed. God's displeasure is quickly appeased by amending our lives to serve others. It is never too late to begin this kind of life.*

## First Lesson

**Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!  
What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the Lord;  
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;  
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.  
When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?  
Trample my courts no more;  
bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.  
Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.  
When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.  
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,  
learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.  
Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the Lord:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;  
but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be devoured by the sword;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

### **Psalm 50:1-8, 10-23-24**

1. The God of gods has spoken; \*  
God has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God is revealed in glory.
3. You, God, will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before you there is a consuming flame, and round about you a raging storm.
4. You call the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of your people.
5. "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
6. Let the heavens declare the rightness of your cause, \*  
for you alone are judge.
7. "Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
O Israel, I will bear witness against you, \*  
for I am God, your God.
8. I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.
23. Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
24. Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

*Hebrews is really a complex sermon, rather than a letter, written around 70 c.e. Abraham and Sarah are extolled as examples of faith. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God. In the same way, the church is to cling to faith in the face of all challenges and hardships.*

## Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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*In the Gospel reading, Luke presents four images of what the Christian faith is like: being well tended by a faithful shepherd; putting money in a sturdy and safe purse; being served at table by our master; having our lives broken into unexpectedly by God.*

## Gospel Lesson

**Luke 12: 32-40**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

## **Gospel Reflection**

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**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; and for the ministry of all the baptized.  
**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*



We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The People may add their own prayers for those who have died*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may love and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

## **The Peace**

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

## **The Offering of our Common Lives**

*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. We will receive only the bread today. Please come forward, row by row, one side of the church at a time, allowing 6 feet of space between you and your neighbor. Take a cup containing the consecrated wafer and return to your seat. When all who desire have received a piece of the bread, we will all consume it together, facing forward. If you prefer not to receive bread at this time, remain seated and make a spiritual communion, in solidarity with those who are at home.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## A Prayer for Unity

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. Give us grace to respond this day, and in the days to come. Nourished for service, may our hearts be made ready, our eyes be made open, our hands be made strong and our feet be made willing to do your will in all the places to which you call us. We long to unite ourselves wholly to you and to one another, and in all things remain a Eucharistic people, the body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*One:* The Lord 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

**Sanctus** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

## **The Communion of the People**

## **Prayer following Communion**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people. Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*One:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Many:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.      Friday – Closed



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