

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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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 at the registration desk.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis continues to present some challenges. Your health and well-being are our highest priorities. 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 takes place during the first part of the 10 am service.

Our 10 am service on the First Sunday of each month is intentionally hospitable to children, including interactive prayers, music and a children's message. No matter your age, this service is for you! The Children of All Ages service will be the main worship service on First Sundays.

Leading Worship Today

Celebrant & Preacher: Nancy Dilliplane

Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality & Accompanist: Martha Dudich

Seminarian: Amy Crawford

Greeter/Usher: Deb McLean

Chalice: Kay Kinney & Amy Crawford

Lay Reader: Joe McLean

Altar Guild: Meg Perry & Joanne Welker

Open/Close: Janet Zimmerman/Barbara Kroberger

Intercessor: Bob Kinney

Acolyte: Sue Snyder

A/V: Joanne Welker

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Opening Hymn: Community of Christ~*Shirley Erena Murray*

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the cross your own,
2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door
3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
4 When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:
the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;

the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

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.

Hymn of Praise



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.

Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.

Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,

light for the world to see.
walls made of liv - ing stone.

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.

Collect of the Day

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

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

Please be seated for the Lessons

The God revealed to the prophet Isaiah is not a God who will be appeased by outward shows of piety, but rather One who longs for human justice and compassion. God calls for a groundswell of loving actions that make a difference to those who are poor, powerless or in mourning. We serve God best not by what we say on Sunday, but by how we live the rest of the week.

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Psalm 112: 1-9

1. Alleluia! Happy are they who fear God, *
and have great delight in the commandments!
2. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blest.
3. Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
4. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
5. It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
6. For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
7. They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in God.
8. Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
9. They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

Paul's letter to the church at Corinth continues to scold them for their many divisions. In today's verses he takes to task those who believe they are wise—those who value "lofty words" and Greek philosophy—and so look down upon the less well educated. By contrast, the truly wise are those, like Paul, who see what the Spirit revealed in the cross of Christ—God's power revealed in weakness.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom,

secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

Please stand as you are able for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Gospel Anthem

PART 1:

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

PART 2:

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

This passage from Matthew’s gospel is part of Jesus’ “Sermon on the Mount.” First, he calls on his followers to be examples to others. The life of faith must be outwardly visible and attractive. Next, Jesus tells his listeners that he has not come to abolish the law, but to give it a make-over. He has come to reveal the love and compassion of God that underlies the law, and to call people see in the law a means of treating others with that same love and compassion.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

Gospel Reflection:

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton 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 for Epiphany

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
Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Nancy our rector, Amy and all
those preparing for ordination, for 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 who serve in the
armed forces around the world, 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, the president of the United

States, Josh the governor of Pennsylvania, for our congress, assemblies and courts and school boards and for all who are in positions of leadership and power.

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 the students, teachers and families of the Trinity Buckingham Academy and for our Sunday School.

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 whose names are written on these cards and on our hearts, and those we name 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 Arthur Gross in whose memory the altar flowers are given today and those we name now silently or aloud...*parishioners may add their own prayers*. 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:

Confession and Absolution

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.

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.**

Offering of our Common Life

Offertory: Bring Froth the Kingdom ~ *Marty Haugan*

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. Communion will be distributed at the bottom of the chancel steps. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please consume the bread at the time you receive it and move to the chalice located at either side aisle. It is preferred that you sip from the chalice rather than dipping your bread. The alcohol-free chalice will be available in addition to wine on the right-hand side. 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, 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.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

*(from *Enriching our Worship*)*

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

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.

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.

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.**

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.**

The Annual Meeting of Trinity Episcopal Church, Buckingham will begin following the Hymn. Please stay and take part.

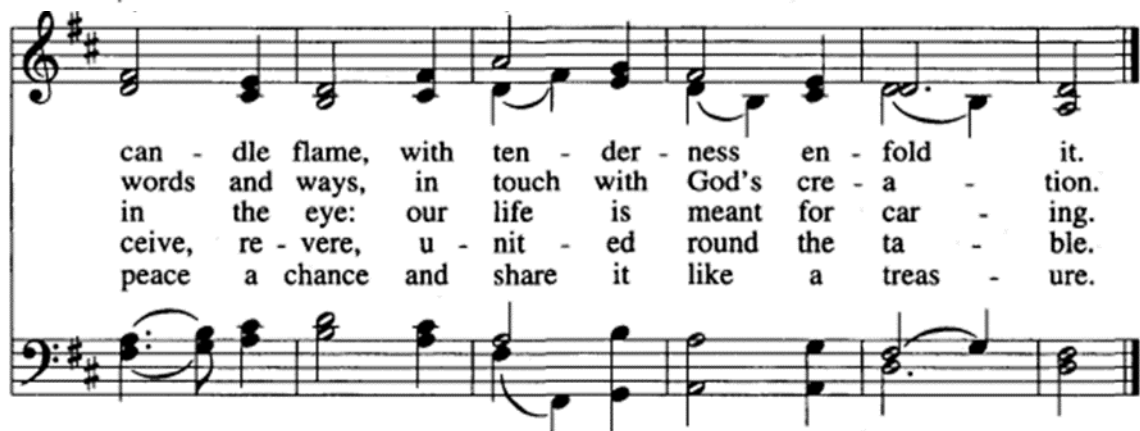
Hymn: Put Peace into Each Other's Hands ~Fred Kaan



1 Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands and like a
2 Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands with lov - ing
3 Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands, like bread we
4 As at com - mu - nion, shape your hands in - to a
5 Put Christ in - to each oth - er's hands, he is love's



treas - ure hold it; pro - tect it like a
ex - pec - ta - tion; be gen - tle in your
break for shar - ing; look peo - ple warm - ly
wait - ing cra - dle; the gift of Christ re -
deep - est meas - ure; in love make peace, give



can - dle flame, with ten - der - ness en - fold it.
words and ways, in touch with God's cre - a - tion.
in the eye: our life is meant for car - ing.
ceive, re - vere, u - nit - ed round the ta - ble.
peace a chance and share it like a treas - ure.



The flowers on the altar today are given
in loving memory of Aruthur Gross by Bernadette Gross .

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