



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 1, 2026

Parish Annual Meeting

10:00 a.m. Eucharist with Music

Trinity Memorial Church

An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Central New York, and a Jubilee Ministry Center

All are welcome!

The Church is **handicapped accessible**: enter through the glass doors on Oak Street.

A **lift** to the sanctuary level is available in the far corner of the gym.

Restrooms are in the Hoyt Room, through double doors off the sanctuary.

Hearing assistive devices & large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Parents are welcome to use the Children's Corner in the Hoyt Room,
or the toybasket at the back of the church.

Visitors: please sign our guest book in the Hoyt Room.

*Text in **bold italics** is said **by all**; hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

***"Service Music"** (indicated by **S-**) is found in the beginning of the hymnal.*

Prelude Come, Thou Fount

arr. Kevin Stewart

The Trinity Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 477 All praise to Thee

Engelberg

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.***

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and

what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

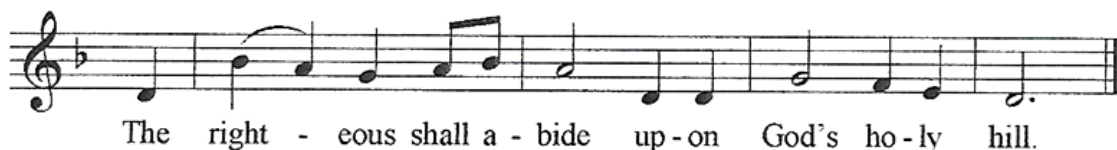
“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15



- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart. **Refrain**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *but he honors those who fear the LORD. **Refrain**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown. **Refrain**

The Epistle I Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 656 Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

The Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Richard Schaal

The 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: 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.

Prayers of the People

(Form IV, p. 388)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; DeDe, our Bishop; Fr. Richard and Rev. Kit our Supply Priests; and our Vestry. Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Pray for all elected Leaders. Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Gracious and loving God, You have guided our church through seasons of joy and challenge. As we seek the priest You are preparing for us, fill our hearts with patience, hope, and trust in Your timing. Grant wisdom to those discerning: Daniel and Teddy Aribisala, Edris Boyll-Kuzia, John Chaffee, Darlene Croston, Ginny Hill, Jamie Johnson, Claudia Kachmarik, and Diane Lange. Grant unity among us as a congregation, and openness to the one You are sending. Bless the priest who is even now being called to walk with us, that together we may serve You faithfully proclaiming Christ's love. ***Amen.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Pray for those in the military: Kurt Albaugh, Darlene Croston, Colin Davis, Joshua Loch, Ben Sherwood Evans, Seth Thomas, Raidyn Ford, and Aaron Brady.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Pray for those celebrating birthdays last week and this week: Diane Pierson, Levi Schroeder, Gwendolyn Van Dunk, Barb Crowle, Joe Liciandrello, William E. Culverhouse, Jean Henssler, Kristin Anderson, Diane Lange, Wayne Divis, and Carolyn Stanton.

The People may add their own blessings. Lord, in your mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for Nancy Campbell, Shawn Kaiser, Andy Pierce, Nelson and Regina, Cate Hough, Drieux Koeppel, Masha Britten, Chucky Corse, Jeffrey Weyant, Ted, Barbara Manzo, Robert Croston, Sr., Christopher, Stephani and Donald Polhemus, Michelle, Andrew, Chuck, Casey, Kathryn and Connie Alexander.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember today **Edgar W. Couper and Esther Couper; Dr. Joseph B. Watrous, Jr. and Katharine Couper Watrous; and Mary W. Couper**, with flowers on the altar given by Janet Watrous. We also remember Fred Alexander who has recently died.

*The People may add their own petitions. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Choral Prayer

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

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 live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you; ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Anthem Gloria in excelsis Harold Darke

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Presentation Hymn 365, last stanza

Moscow

***To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence, evermore.
His sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!***

The Great Thanksgiving

(Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 2)

The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.***

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a shepherd cares for its sheep, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus S-127

Calvin Hampton

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 and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of

Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen*

The Lord's Prayer

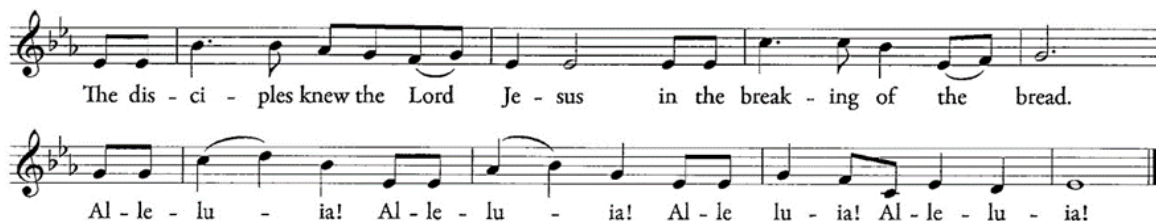
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)



Ministration of Communion

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Communion.

Please feel free to receive the bread and/or wine either at the crossing in front of the Chancel steps or at the Altar Rail, as you so choose. If you wish to intinct (dip) your bread, please dip it in the small chalices offered, or drink from the larger chalice.

Hymn 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Benediction

Hymn 441

In the cross of Christ I glory

Rathbun

The Dismissal

The people respond *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Gone to Meetin'

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Richard Schaal, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Timothy E. Smith, *Organist & Music Director*

Peter Koeppel, *Lector* Bill Palmer, *Worship Leader*

David Scone, *Acolyte* David Pierson & Diane Pierson, *Ushers*

Ginny Hill, Debbie Parmelee & Sally Akel, *Altar Guild for February*

Bill Palmer, Daniel Aribisala, Darlene Croston, Ken Lattimore, Greg Keeler
Eucharistic Ministers

Bob Kuzia, *Digital Minister*

Darlene Croston, *Coffee Hour*

PRAYER LIST (in addition to those listed in the service)

Pray for our diocese: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Berlin and their priest, the Rev. Steve White, and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in New Hartford and their deacon, the Rev. Deacon Lynne Walton.

Pray for the Episcopal Church: the Diocese of East Carolina and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving.

Pray for the Anglican Communion: the Church of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally.

CANTEEN, February 1

Friends of Trinity, *Cooking*

Steven Crowle, *Manager* Barbara Crowle, *Host*

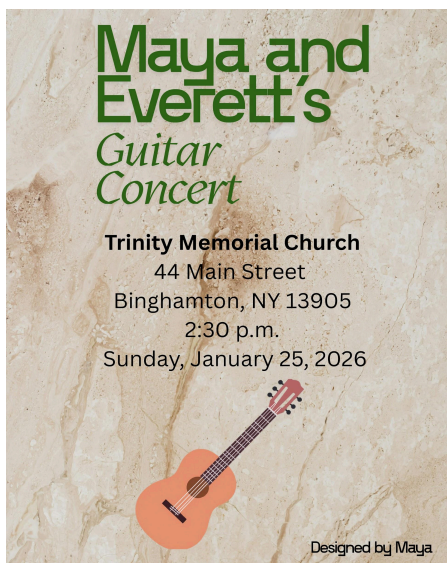
Last week: 25 guests served, 35 dinners served

CALENDAR

Today	11:15 am	Coffee Hour followed immediately by the Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)
	12:00 pm	Canteen (Dining Room)
	2:30 pm	Dement family Guitar Recital (Sanctuary)
	2:30 pm	Madrigal Choir rehearsal (upstairs)
Mon. Feb. 2	10:00 am	Recorders (Upstairs)
Tues. Feb. 3	3:30-5:30 pm	CARES (Gym)
	6:30-8:30 pm	Savoyards (Common Room)
Wed. Feb. 4	NO Choir rehearsals	
Thurs. Feb. 5	3:30-5:30 pm	CARES (Gym)
	6:30 pm	N.A. (Dining Room)
	6:30 pm	Pickleball (Gym)
Fri. Feb. 6	3:30-5:30 pm	CARES (Dining Room & Gym)
Sat. Feb. 7	9:30 am	N.A. (Dining Room)
Sun. Feb. 8	8:30 am	Contemplative Eucharist
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Music
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30	Forum (Common Room)
	Noon	Canteen (Dining Room)
	2:30 pm	Madrigal Choir rehearsal (upstairs)

Generosity Report (Updated Jan. 28): Required weekly contributions: \$4,153; Last week's contributions: \$5,469; Required year to date contributions: \$16,614; Contributions received year to date: \$13,861; Year to Date Difference: -\$2,753.

Open date for Altar Flowers: Sept. 13.



Everything about this lovely poster is accurate, except the date! We are happy to know that our Dement musicians were able to reschedule their snowed-out recital for **today at 2:30pm.** So come enjoy their music. (No new snow, that we know of yet.)

If you would like to lend your financial support to Trinity via electronic means, scan this QR code with your smartphone.



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Mission: *To serve Christ passionately through self, family, parish and community.*

Identity: *A diverse people responding to God through worship and music, friendship and formation, generosity and service.*

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