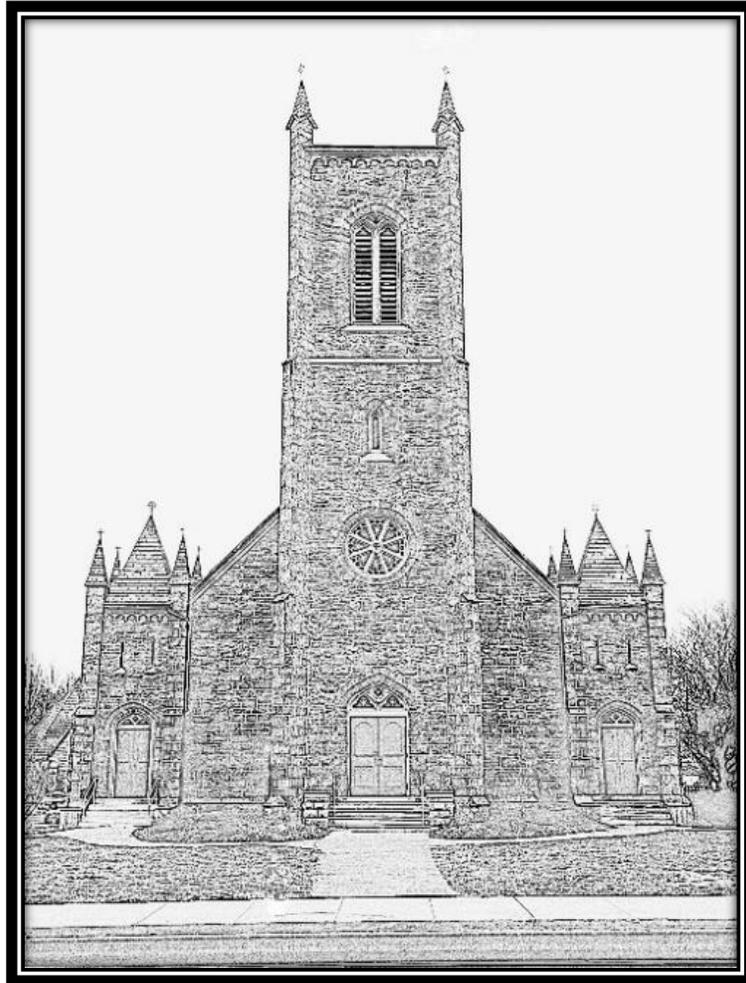


Trinity Church

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2021

9:30 a.m.



Trinity Church Welcomes You

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Welcome to our Trinity Church Family!

We are a vibrant Episcopal family united in following Christ.

Today's Officiant:

Rev. Barry Meehan

Our Staff:

Wendy Grace, parish coordinator
Linda Fay, treasurer
John Riddle, music director/organist
Jeff Zoesch, sexton

Our Vestry:

Fern Fryer, Senior Warden
Jay Slenker, Junior Warden
Brandy Blosser
Marc Brierre
Kathy Hall
Rich Jones
Krey Kellington
David Thurmer
Holly Webb

Announcements

Many thanks to Fr. Barry Meehan who is today's officiant!

Parish Annual Meeting—The Annual Meeting is *today* Sunday, January 31 and will take place on Zoom following our worship. Please do not leave the meeting after our worship today and join us for our Annual Parish Meeting.

Continuing the Book Discussion Group—Our discussion of *The Art of Possibility* by Benjamin and Rosamund Stone Zander will next meet on Sunday, February 21 at 6:00pm via Zoom. We'll discuss the 11th and 12th practices, pages 161-196. We'll also focus on the question of how we can use practice 10 to bring possibility to our future at Trinity Church. The book can be purchased on Amazon.com. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84824173508?pwd=V25YcW1uODkyTVFWYmsvTGUvaGJTUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 2417 3508

Passcode: Zander

Lenten Prayer Community—Fr. Barry Meehan would like to invite you to join a parish prayer community for Lent: *Disciples Lenten retreat*. Our goal is that, at a time when we are kept apart, we come together as a prayer community with a daily program that links us to both strengthen our faith in Christ and the bonds that join us to one another. There are three questions for each of us to consider during the retreat:

- What have I done for Christ?
- What am I doing for Christ?
- What do I hope to do for Christ?

Each day there will be three short periods of prayer: when we awake, around midday and at the end of the day. As well, there will be one period of 15-30 minutes each day for quiet meditation/reflection on a Gospel passage. Participants are invited to keep a journal during the retreat. The first Zoom meeting will be on Ash Wednesday then we shall meet each Saturday of Lent. In the Zoom meetings we shall reflect on the Gospel passages of the past week and prepare for upcoming week. The retreat will culminate with our commitment to Christ through the renewal of Baptismal Vows at Easter. If interested: Please send an email to prayercommunity@disciples.com for more information.

2021 Calendars and Envelope Box Sets Available—Once again, our kind friends at Tossing Funeral Home have sponsored our liturgical calendars for 2021 and they are available in the church office. Also, for those who prefer to use offering envelopes, we have your box set available as well. Please email the office to make arrangements to receive your calendars and/or envelopes.

Sunday Worship on Zoom Platform--Join Sunday worship and fellowship on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032785178?pwd=dmU5Umo0c3NZd1V5dUI6aldJNkdEQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 3278 5178; Passcode: God3in1. Our service will begin at 9:30am and after the worship service, folks are encouraged to stay in the meeting for fellowship time.

For optimal music audio, please remain muted for the prelude and postlude!

Trinity Church Closed—The Vestry has begun the work to begin the process of re-opening. This will be a long process, as you are probably aware, and will entail a lot of dedication on all of our parts. Please know that we will not and are not going to be acting in haste. Rather, the primary concern of all of us is the health, safety and well-being of our entire parish family. We also want to remind you that, if you

have a pastoral emergency, please call Fern Fryer at 802-773-4788 or Wendy Grace at 802-235-2221 so you can be connected with someone who can help you. If you need to contact the Trinity Church offices, please use our email office@trinitychurchrutland.org. These are difficult times, and we do not want anyone to struggle through them alone.

Worship with Green Mountain Online Abbey—The Green Mountain Online Abbey provides a daily offering of online prayer at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. as well Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. View videos of Bishop Shannon’s sermons as well as special diocesan services on YouTube. Join by using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/531110497?pwd=dU9uYnUvUWxDK0lGc2FaN2pTMHVVEZz09> or by dialing in from any phone using the following information: dial (646) 876-9923, code 531110497# If you are asked for a password, it is RockPoint. Bulletins can be accessed on the Diocesan website.

Update from the Vestry:

Questions have come up about Father Liam's departure and we want to assure everyone that it was solely his own personal decision, and largely for financial reasons.

With that said there were other issues that surfaced over the past year precipitating his final decision and included some of the following:

1. Miscommunication from the beginning about the viability of a full-time priest. While the fact was made known to Liam upon hire that Trinity could not sustain a full-time priest for more than a few years, it was not mutually discussed again until this past year.
2. The toll of COVID, ongoing energy and tech knowledge of handling virtual services, and critical push back he got from parishioners about following the Bishop's orders to close completely.
3. A perception among many in the parish, which became apparent from the Intentional Growth Study, that he was not fully discharging his task of seeking ways to grow the church.

Moving forward: The Bishop has suggested a possible interim, and we are waiting for the new Canon to the Ordinary for Transition Ministry (the Rev. Auburn Watersong) to facilitate the next steps. She just began her new position Jan. 18, but the bishop has assured us Rev. Watersong will be reaching out to us soon.

9:30 a.m. First Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Récit de Tierce en Taille

Nicolas de Grigny

Opening Sentences

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Officiant: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Amen.*

Gloria in Excelsis

*Officiant and People: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect for the Day (*Officiant*)

Officiant: 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.*

Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reader: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone

who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The Word of the Lord.

Reader and People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 111

Reader: Please join me in reciting from Psalm 111.

*1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.*

*2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.*

*3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.*

*4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.*

*5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.*

*6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.*

*7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.*

*8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.*

*9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.*

*10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Reader: A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so

accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of Lord.

Reader and People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Reader: Please join me in reciting canticle 9.

*Surely, it is God who saves me; **

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, **
and he will be my Savior.

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing **
from the springs of salvation.

*And on that day you shall say, **

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

*Make his deeds known among the peoples; **
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

*Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, **
and this is known in all the world.

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, **

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Sequence Hymn #632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Officiant and People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Officiant and People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Officiant: Please join me in saying the Nicene Creed.

*Officiant and people: 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 Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Suffrages B (*Officiant and Congregation*)

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

People: We praise your name for ever.

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: For we put our trust in you.

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: And we shall never hope in vain.

Intercession Prayers

The intercessions today are Form 2 from the Book of Common Prayer.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world. For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; and **Barry, today's officiant**. We pray for the **Anglican-Episcopal Church of Brazil; St. Peter's Church, Bennington; the Rev. Angie Emerson**; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray especially for those serving on active duty in the armed forces and in the Peace Corps.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for all victims of violence; for those persecuted for race or gender; for all suffering financial hardship. We remember those commended to us, especially **Christian, Karen, Mary Ann, Jimmy, Dick, Lydia, Mark, Sheree, David, Rodney, Timmy, Brian, Doug**. We pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the departed that your will for them may be fulfilled.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for thanksgiving of the gifts we receive from God; **especially celebrate fire in the hearth and other cozy sources for warmth.**

Silence.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. We pray for parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially: **John Cassarino, Senan Pol, Pat Garcia, Tammy Hawkins, Carol Minogue, Julia Rampone, Rose Scruton**. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

The Collects

A Litany for Sound Government

Officiant: O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

People: Lord, keep this nation under your care.

Officiant: To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Officiant: To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Officiant: To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Officiant: And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

People: For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

*Officiant and 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 General Thanksgiving (*Officiant and Congregation*)

Officiant: Please join in the General Thanksgiving.

Officiant and People: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving

up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom (*Officiant*)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Blessing

Officiant: Let Us Bless the Lord,

People: *Thanks Be to God!*

Dismissal

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

May the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Postlude

Chaconne in G minor

Louis Couperin