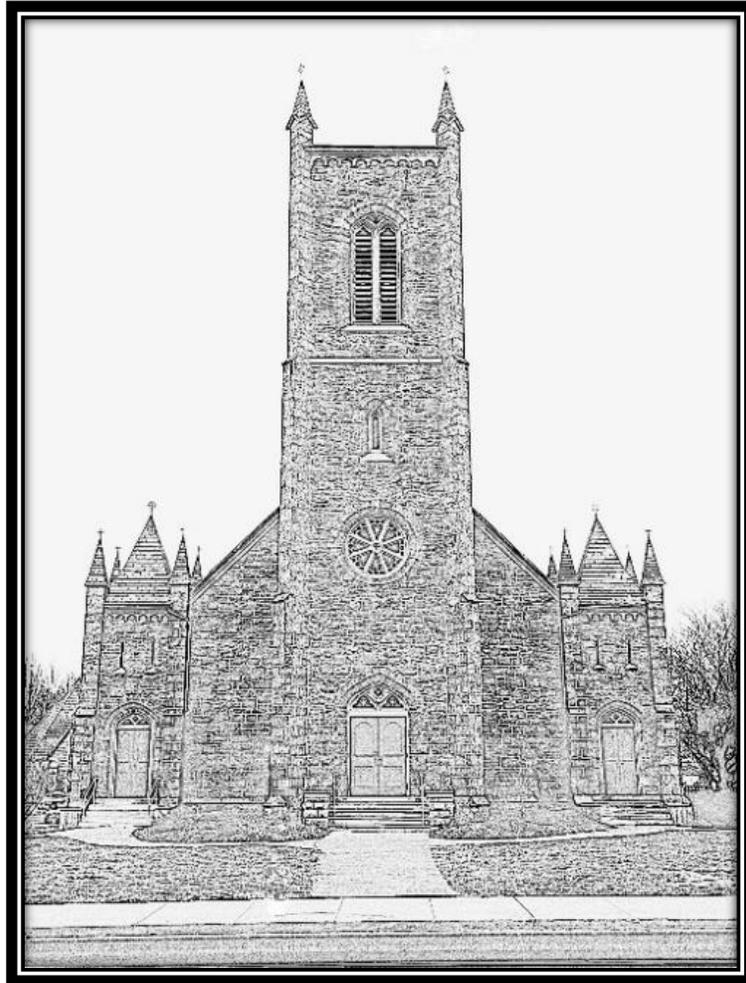


Trinity Church

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 14, 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:

Nanci Gordon

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
Melissa Alarie
Kathy Hall
Rich Jones
Krey Kellington
Steve Sawyer
David Thurmer
Holly Webb

Announcements

Many thanks to Nanci Gordon who is today's officiant!

Shrove Tuesday—On February 16, Shrove Tuesday--aka Mardi Gras--we'll have a virtual fellowship event at 6:00pm. Please use the link below (also sent via email) to join us. We hope to have a little fun with this Zoom event, so be sure to open the “*Shrove Tuesday*” document in the email sent out on Friday for participation suggestions.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7189004743?pwd=U1VBdit0a3BsekJIUDc4SXo4WVN0QT09>

Meeting ID: 718 900 4743; Passcode: God3in1

Ash Wednesday— While we will not be having a service for Ash Wednesday this year, we will provide a packet of ashes with information about available services in which you can participate for self-imposition of ashes. Kathy Hall will be distributing packets this afternoon from 12-2pm in the church parking lot. You can also call Wendy (802-235-2221) to make arrangements to pick up a packet on Monday. Please wear your mask when picking up your packet! To make connecting to services a little easier for those who will be Zooming, an email will be sent out tomorrow with links for service opportunities on Ash Wednesday.

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.

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.

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

Prelude

Fugue in C major (BWV 545.2)

J. S. Bach

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: O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

2 Kings 2:1-12

Reader: A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I

know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

Reader and People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 50:1-6

Reader: Please join me in reciting from Psalm 50.

*1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; **

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

*2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, **

God reveals himself in glory.

*3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; **

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

*4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above **

to witness the judgment of his 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 his cause; **

for God himself is judge.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 #129	<i>Christ upon the mountain peak</i>
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Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

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

Officiant and People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Officiant and People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon	Nanci Gordon
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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 **Nanci, today's officiant.** We pray for the **Anglican Church of Canada; St. Thomas & Grace Church, Brandon and the Rev. Rachel Field;** 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 St. Valentine's Day, and also celebrate days of joyful decadence that come before a period of penitence.**

Silence.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. We pray for parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially: **Dorothy & Frank Mainolfi, Dot & Jim Harder, Patty & David Searles, Donna & Tad Kemnitzer, Emily (Huebner) Dehn, Dorothy Mainolfi, Ann Singizer, Joanne Williamson, Elizabeth Hall, Mary Pratt, Carrie Allen, Drew Peterson.** 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

Prelude in C major (BWV 545.1)

J. S. Bach