



Trinity Episcopal Church

Staunton, Virginia

Founded in 1746



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY:

The Holy Eucharist – Rite I

December 31, 2017 7:45 am

We are glad you chose to worship with us today and invite you to participate fully in our service.

In the Parish House

Restrooms are available in the Parish House building, to left of the church.

Visitor's Card

Please fill out a visitor's card (found in your pew) so we can get to know you better. You may hand it to an usher or put it in the offering plate.

Flow of Worship

The **WORD**, **SERMON**, **PRAYERS**, and **COMMUNION**.

Bold type are words we speak together.

Communion

Baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion and ALL are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

To receive the bread, hold your hands out together. To receive the wine, help the server by guiding the chalice.

God's grace sustains us as we strive to know, love and serve others in our daily lives.

Thank you for worshiping with us.

THE LITURGY

The Book of Common Prayer p 323

THE ACCLAMATION

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, LESSONS, PSALM, AND GOSPEL

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THE SERMON

The Rev. Paul Nancarrow

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Clothed in garments of salvation • Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

THE GRADUAL PSALM

Laudate Dominum • Psalm 147:13-21

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;*
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;*
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders;*
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth,*
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool;*
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them;*
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob,*
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation;*
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Children and heirs of God • Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

THE GOSPEL

God with us: the incarnation of the Word • John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for those among us who are sick or have other needs.

Patti Burtner, Pat Clark*, Bob and Imogene Colby, Candace Conger, Jim Dawson, Robert Dunn*, Martha Dudley* and George Fellows*, Sean Flanders*, David Flanary, Dan Grogan, Tom Hawks, George Huffman, Scott Jordan*, Jean Kivlighan*, Nathan Long, Preston Mayson*, Peter Meyers, Joe Mills, Britten Olinger

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

At the conclusion of communion, the Eucharistic Visitors go to the altar rail.

We send you out to share Communion this day.

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.

May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

