



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ROCKY HILL

"THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART"



First Sunday After the Epiphany

January 10, 2021

Holy Eucharist (Rite II) at 10:00 a.m.

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *We Three Kings* - Young

THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his 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.

GLORIA S-280

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **AMEN.**

GENESIS 1:1-5

“Here begins a reading from Genesis”.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was

morning, the first day.
“The Word of the Lord.” “Thanks be to God.”

PSALM 29

“Psalm 29 is appointed today. Let us read it alternatively.”

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.** ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.** ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; ⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.** ⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁸**The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.** ⁹And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!” ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.** ¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

ACTS 19:1-7

“Here begins a reading from Acts.”

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.
“The Word of the Lord.” “Thanks be to God.”

MARK 1:4-11

“The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.” “Glory to you Lord Christ.”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with

camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

"The Gospel of the Lord." "Praise to you Lord Christ."

HYMN: #121 – *Christ, When for Us.....*

SERMON: Fr. Jacob

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 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

In the waters of baptism, we were called to be God's children and to minister to one another. Let us therefore pray for ourselves, for one another, and for all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church, that it may stand fast in the one faith to which it has been called.

[Silence.]

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world, that our conflicts may cease and that peace may reign in this new year.

[Silence.]

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all Christians who have been baptized into the one family of faith, that our lives reflect the forgiveness and love which was first shown us.

[Silence.]

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are blind to the injustices of our world, that their eyes may be opened and that they may work for an end to oppression and injustice.

[Silence.]

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick, that their sickness may be turned to health and that they may once again join us in our work and worship.

[Silence.]

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayers for the Parish

Let us pray for the faithful who have gone before us, that we may follow the example of their lives and be reunited with them in the joy of everlasting life.

[Silence.]

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Omniscient God, you know our thoughts and needs better than we ourselves. Accept the prayers for which we now offer, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

CONCLUDING PRAYER: Fr. Jacob

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; 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.

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

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below, praise him above the heavenly hosts. Praise Father, son and Holy Ghost.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to our Lord God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty Creator heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of you glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS:

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.

The people stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI:

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

THE COMMUNION - "Gifts of God for people of God."

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have

given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: #117 – *Brightest and Best*

**OUR WORSHIP IS OVER,
OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

UNREST IN WASHINGTON DC

Events that have unfolded in the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021 underline deep division within our nation. Divisions which are based on the systematic sowing of hatred and dissent from many sectors.

We as members of Trinity Episcopal Church Rocky Hill decries any and all forms of violence. As we do so, we underline the absolute necessity of reconciliation and healing in what is clearly a deeply divided society.

As the world's oldest democracy, may we invite all believers to stand in solidarity with a key democratic principle: the peaceful upholding of human rights and dignity of all people, at all times.

This is a nation that needs systematic healing. Our Bishops have invited us to join them in prayer continuously and fervently for a peaceful transfer of power on the 20th of January.

May we also pray for healing and reconciliation.

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Loving God,
you have reconciled us in Christ Jesus and have given us the ministry of reconciliation. We pray for all those from whom we are estranged.

Bring healing to strained or broken relationships. Forgive us for the times we have wronged others, whether by ignorance, neglect, or intention. Grant us the courage and the grace to seek their forgiveness and opportunity to make amends. Where others have wronged us, grant us a gracious spirit, that we might forgive even as we have been forgiven in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**