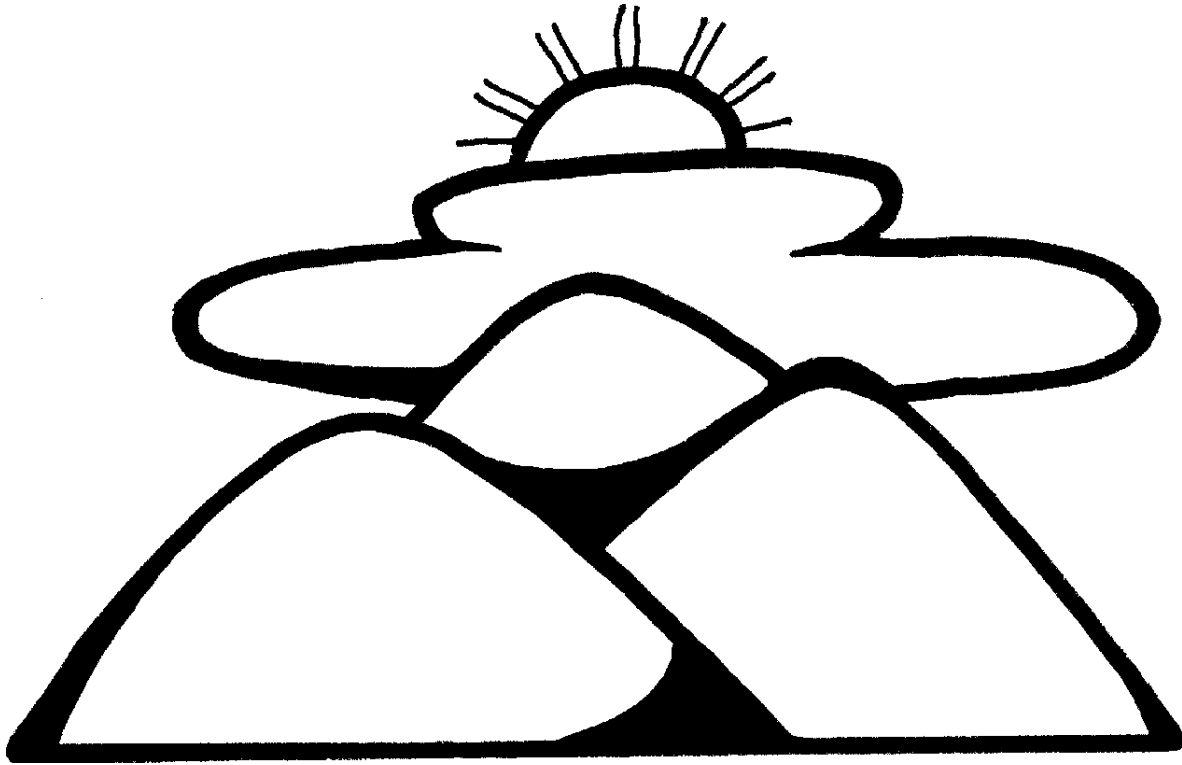


4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026 ▪ 9:30 am



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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Holy Communion

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Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Tanya Varner
Assisting Minister:	Lois Smith
Greeter:	Lynn Perrin
Usher:	Tom Hinz
Altar:	Judy Hahn-Yutzi
Musicians:	Jamie Courtney, Handbell Ensemble
Technology:	Lisa Hagen
Fellowship:	Dave Mello

We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.

Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
**you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers us in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives our sin in ✠ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give us strength to live for others,
and bless us with the gift of peace.
Amen.

Gathering Song

Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn-ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an-cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo-ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

¹ Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.”

⁶ “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?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ 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?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health
and do not take back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² 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, O Christ.**



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Prayers of Intercession

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria, Cameroon, Thailand, Cambodia, Venezuela, Iran, and the United States. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve or suffer in any way, especially Stan, Josiah, Mary, Bob, Nan, Myles, Amy, Dorothea, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

Offering Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Dialogue

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 our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of music is written for a soprano and bass voice. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the soprano part, and the bass part provides harmonic support. The lyrics are 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The second system continues the melody and harmony. The lyrics are 'ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The third system continues the melody and harmony. The lyrics are 'heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.'.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system continues the melody and harmony. The lyrics are 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for two stanzas of a hymn. The first stanza is 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' and the second is 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score is written for a soprano and bass voice part, with a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The first stanza is in 4/4 time and the second is in 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, with some melodic lines in the bass. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

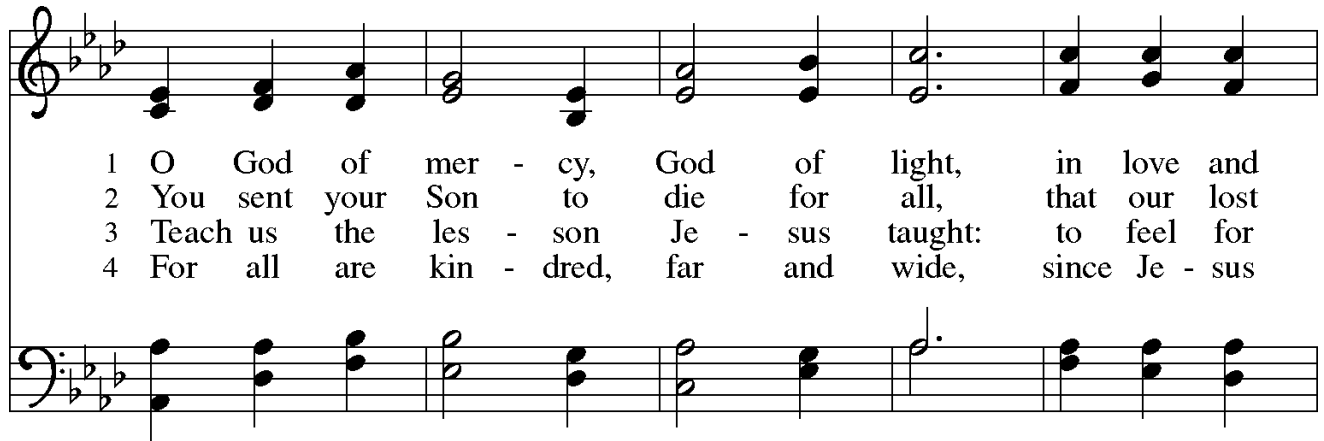
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

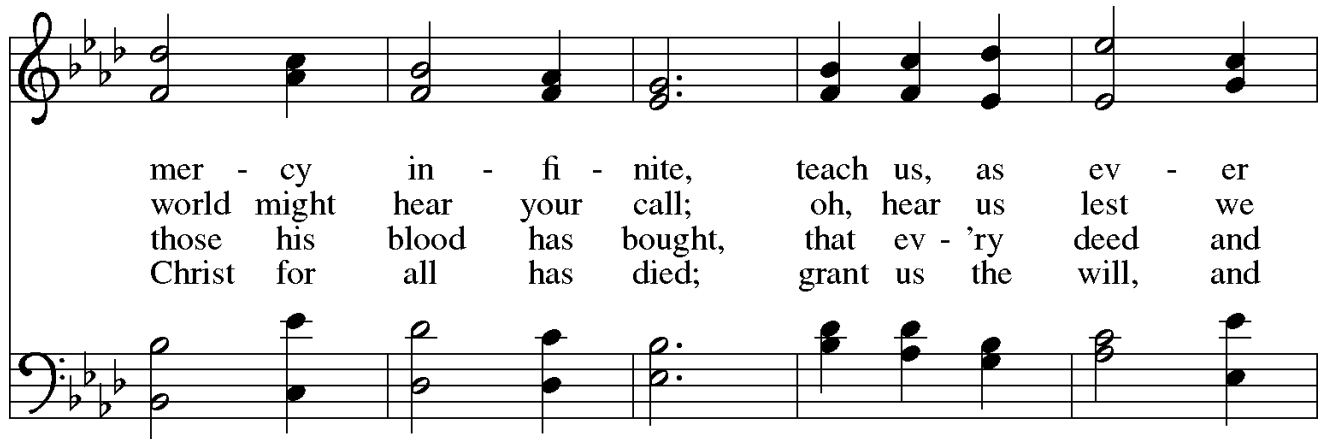
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Communion Song

O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

Communion Song

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a different voice part. The first line of lyrics is for the Soprano part, the second for the Alto, the third for the Tenor, and the fourth for the Bass. The music consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment is written in a grand staff (treble and bass clef) and features a simple, steady harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;

but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

Sending Song

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy to like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

+ Sunday to Sunday

1 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + 4 Epiphany
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	10:45 am	Adult Learning: <i>Tim Louis, Member of Parliament</i>
2 – Monday	5:00 pm	Karate
	6:30 pm	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
3 – Tuesday	9:30 am	Prayer Circle
	10:30 am	Bible Study
	3:30 pm	Visioning Task Team Meeting
	4:15 pm	Karate
4 – Wednesday	10:00 am	Wilmot Indigenous Relations Interfaith Working Group
	5:15 pm	Music Together
	8:45 am	Music Together
5 – Thursday	12:00 pm	New Hamburg Ministerial Meeting
	7:00 pm	Trinity Choir Rehearsal
7 – Saturday	8:45 am	Music Together
	7:30 pm	AA
8 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + 5 Epiphany
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	10:45 am	Adult Learning

+ Annual Meeting & Annual Report

Trinity's Church Council has set the date for our next annual meeting, Sunday February 22nd at 10:45 am. Please join us for our yearly review of mission and ministry and as we look ahead to the coming year. The Annual Report and accompanying financial statements will be available by Sunday, February 8th.

+ 2025 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts reflecting financial donations in 2025 have now been mailed. Thank you to our Financial Secretary, Holly McCurdy, for her work in preparing the receipts. We are grateful to all folks who support our mission and ministry through gifts of time, talents, and treasure.

+ Flowers for Worship

The 2026 flower chart is now available. If you would like to contribute flowers for worship to mark an occasion, either solemn or joyous, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Flowers from your garden (come summertime!) or from your favourite florist are most welcome.

+ Ash Wednesday

Trinity's Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday worship on February 18th. We gather for worship with friends from Zion United and St. George's Anglican in a shared service at Zion United at 7:00 pm.

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