

Choral Evensong
For Epiphany-tide

Sunday, January 11, 2026
6:00 pm



Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church
Los Alamos

The congregation is invited to join in saying the text printed in bold.

The hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

Please join us for a reception in Kelly Hall after the service.

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn: “O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ”

Hymnal 25

Officiant: Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying:

Please kneel or sit

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Officiant:* Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(*Should the Minister be a member of the laity, the following prayer shall instead be used:*

Lay Minister: Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.)

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please stand

Preces Sung by the Choir

Katherine Burk Webb (b. 1990)

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips
Choir: and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.
Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Cantor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Cantor: Praise ye the Lord!
Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit for the Psalm, Lessons, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.

Psalm 84 Sung by the Choir

Chant: C.H.H. Parry (1848—1918)

1. O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
4. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.
5. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.
6. Who going through the Vale of Misery, use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.
7. They will go from strength to strength:
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
8. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.
9. Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
10. For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.
11. I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
12. For the Lord God is a light and defence:
the Lord will give grace and worship,
and no good thing will he withhold from them that live a godly life.
13. O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-10

The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up. Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Magnificat Sung by the Choir

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Luke 2:39-51

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Nunc dimittis Sung by the Choir

Charles Villiers Stanford (1854-1924)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed (*Please stand as you are able*)

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray

Please kneel or sit

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Cantor: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, save the State.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choir Anthem: "A child was born in Bethlehem" 15th C poem; music by John Palmer (1926—1986)

Offertory Hymn: "The heavenly Child in stature grows"

TALLIS'S ORDINAL
C.M.

THOMAS TALLIS (1505?-1585)

1. The heaven - ly Child in sta - ture grows, And, grow - ing, learns to die;
2. The Son of God his glo - ry hides To dwell with par - ents poor;
3. Those might - y hands that rule the sky No earth - ly toil re - fuse;
4. He whom the choirs of an - gels praise, Bear - ing each dread de - cree,

And still his ear - ly train - ing shows His com - ing ag - o - ny.
And he who made the heavens a - bides In dwel - ling place ob - scure.
The Mak - er of the stars on high An hum - ble trade pur - sues.
His earth - ly par - ents now o - beys In glad hu - mil - i - ty.

5. For this thy lowliness revealed,
Jesu, we thee adore,
And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore.

J. B. de Santeuil, tr. J. Chandler and Compilers of *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, 1951

The Intercessions

Please kneel or sit.

A Prayer of St Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Hymnal 690

Organ Postlude

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