

“Do You Have Room?” S. Edwards

They journeyed far, a weary pair;
they sought for shelter from the cold night air.
Some place where she could lay her head,
where she could give her Babe a quiet bed.

Was there no room? No corner there?
In all the town a spot someone could spare?
Was there no soul come to their aid?
A stable bare was where the family stayed.

Do you have room for the Savior, and do you seek Him anew?
Have you a place for the One who lived and died for you?
Are you as humble as a shepherd boy, or as wise as men of old?
Would you have come that night? Would you have sought the light? Do you have room?

A star arose, a wondrous light; a sign from God this was the Holy night.
And yet so few would go to see the Babe who came to rescue you and me.
This Child Divine is now a King. The gift of life to all the world he brings,
And all mankind He saves from doom, but on that night for Him there was no room.

Will you come tonight? Will you seek the light? Do you have room?

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Acolytes: Jack Rust, Andrew & Tyler Truax

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Rev. Robert Van Gorder, from his sister, Barbara Coffin.

Altar Guild: Chad and Phyllis Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

Liturgist: Melissa Mirhej

Soloists: Teri LaFleur, HollyJoy Pearson

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Nicole Baker, Jo Anne Evans, Sam Foresta, Wendy Regan

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Eric Wing



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Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

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Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.

Epiphany Sunday
Holy Communion Service

January 2, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Bold items are the congregation's part. * Stand if you are able * See words on the back

MEDITATION

“In this moment draw me to yourself, Lord, and make me aware not so much of what I've been given as of all that I have received and so have yet to share.” (Rev. Ted Loder)

Prelude: “Morning Star” J. Leavitt

Welcome and Announcements

(Visitors/members please sign & date the red folder & pass it on. Please remember late comers.)

***Call to Worship:** *(John A. Brewer)*

L: Come! Join the fellowship of God's people— people who gather as faithful disciples of Christ.

P: We seek the One who frees us from uncertainty and doubt.

L: Come! Join the welcome of God's people— people who meet together for justice and peace.

P: We seek the One who is trustworthy, the One who gives us what is good.

L: Come! Join the celebration of God's people— people of the One who was, and is, and shall ever be.

P: We raise our voices in praise and honor to God, and worship the One who is faithful.

***Hymn:** “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH# 577

Opening Prayer: *(John A. Brewer)*

God of grace and God of glory, come and be known to us in our gathering together; come and be present in the songs we sing and in the prayers we raise. From the busy byways of life, we come to find once again that you are always present and always ready to receive us. As we affirm our faith this day, deepen the roots of our commitment, that we may learn your calling upon our lives. Surround us now with the love and comfort of your Holy Spirit and the direction and redemption of Christ. Amen.

Special Music: “Were You There on that Christmas Night?” N. Sleeth

Children's Moment

***Hymn:** “Sweet Hour of Prayer” UMH# 496
(No Chapel Kids until January 23.)

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns, The Lord's Prayer:

**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, forever. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6:6-15 (NRSV) N.T. p. 5

Sermon: “Praying with Simplicity”

Invitation to Offering: *(John A. Brewer)*

Having received the grace of God in the redemption of Christ, we live strengthened in the faith, with hearts overflowing with thankfulness. From the depths of our hearts, we offer to God the very best we have. May our offering be a true act of worship and thanksgiving.

Offertory: “Do You Have Room?” S. Edwards

Holy Communion: *A Service of Word and Table II* UMH# 12

***Hymn:** “Take Our Bread” UMH# 640

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude: “Noel Nouvelet” D. Wood