

“Epiphany 2022: A look back, a look ahead”

The second Sunday of Christmastide before Epiphany – Jan 2, 2022

Holy Trinity Church - Tom Mount

Scripture – Psalm 90:10, 12

¹⁰ Our days may come to seventy years,
or eighty, if our strength endures;
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,
for they quickly pass, and we fly away...

¹² Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

A look back on 2021

- **Our cultural climate**

“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”
- Judges 21:25

- **Our Church scene**

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.”
- Luke 22:31.

- **Our personal journey**

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”
- 1 Sam 3:10

A look ahead to 2022

- **Our cultural climate**

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged! For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

- Joshua 1:9.

- **Our Church scene**

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

- Eph 4:11-16

- **Our personal journey**

“For Ezra had devoted himself to study the Law of the LORD and to practice *it*, and to teach *His* statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

- Ezra 7:10

Takeaway

- Continue the conversation with God that you began today. Which areas would you like to grow in your relationship with him during the coming year? What changes can you implement in your daily routine to help make those things a reality?