

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

10:00 AM



A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

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Good Morning!

Whether this is your first time at Trinity, your first time in a long time,
or if you're here every Sunday, we are delighted that you are
worshiping with us this morning.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS	If you are new to Trinity, we hope that you will introduce yourself and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are located in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the fireplace.
SUNDAY MORNING MASK POLICY	Masks at indoor Sunday services are now required for those who are vaccinated and non-vaccinated.
NAMETAGS	In order to make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, there are stickers and markers at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of reusable nametags.
HEARING ASSISTANCE	If you would like to use a hearing assistive device, please speak to an usher.
INTERCESSORY PRAYER	Private intercessory prayer is available with members of our Intercessory Prayer team in the side aisle while Communion is being distributed at the 10:00 AM service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayers requests that will be prayed over for the next month.
ABOUT OUR WORSHIP	Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not printed in the leaflet can be found in <i>The Hymnal 1982</i> (the blue book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or in <i>Lift Every Voice and Sing II</i> (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand, if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition, for prayer.

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata III

Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

GATHERING HYMN

Give Praise and Glory Unto God

1982 Hymnal #375

Unison or harmony

1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;
2 The host of hea - ven prais - eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;
3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;
his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -
and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing
he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er
fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his
pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that
wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his
com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.
do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.
right - eous - ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

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Presider
People

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

All

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

1982 Hymnal #S277

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.
Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 125

BCP 781

The Psalm will be spoken responsively for both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services.

- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
 People *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN

When Christ Was Lifted From the Earth

1982 Hymnal #603

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still his and west - his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
 People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

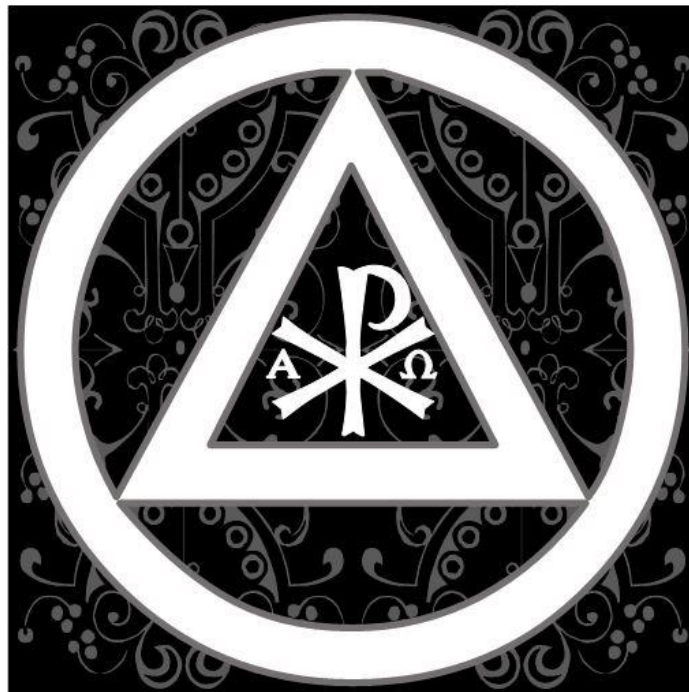
Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
 People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON

The Rev. George Chien (UMC, MCC)

Silence for reflection.



All 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 for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

BCP 387

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Intercessor O God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

*This version of the Nicene Creed is from one of the sources that has been approved for use by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The most significant difference is that this version changes 'who proceeds from the Father and the Son' to 'who proceeds from the Father.' This change restores the Creed to the version that was originally accepted by both Western and Eastern Orthodox Churches. (The phrase 'of the Son' was added a few hundred years later by a regional synod and was never adopted by Eastern Orthodox Churches).

Intercessor	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
<i>People</i>	<i>That your Name may be glorified by all people.</i>
Intercessor	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
<i>People</i>	<i>That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.</i>
Intercessor	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
<i>People</i>	<i>That there may be justice and peace on the earth.</i>
Intercessor	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
<i>People</i>	<i>That our works may find favor in your sight.</i>
Intercessor	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially the victims of Hurricane Ida, the people of Afghanistan and the people of Haiti.
<i>People</i>	<i>That they may be delivered from their distress.</i>
Intercessor	Give to the departed eternal rest;
<i>People</i>	<i>Let light perpetual shine upon them.</i>
Intercessor	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
<i>People</i>	<i>May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.</i>
Intercessor	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 359

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider 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.

People *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC The Love of God Fredrich Lehman, arr. Larry Dalton

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C BCP 369

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

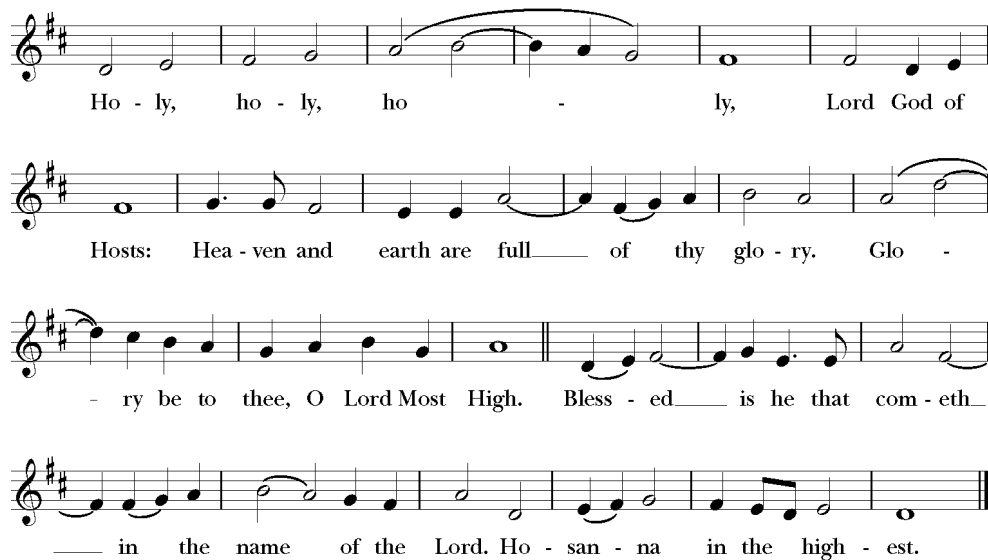
Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People By your will they were created and have their being.

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.
You made us the rulers of creation.
But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider Again and again, you called us to return.
Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law.
And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son,
born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Presider

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring before you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread,
said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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,
gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Presider

Lord God of our Ancestors:
God of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah;
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.
Deliver us from the presumption
of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength;
for pardon only, and not for renewal.
Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ,
that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People AMEN.

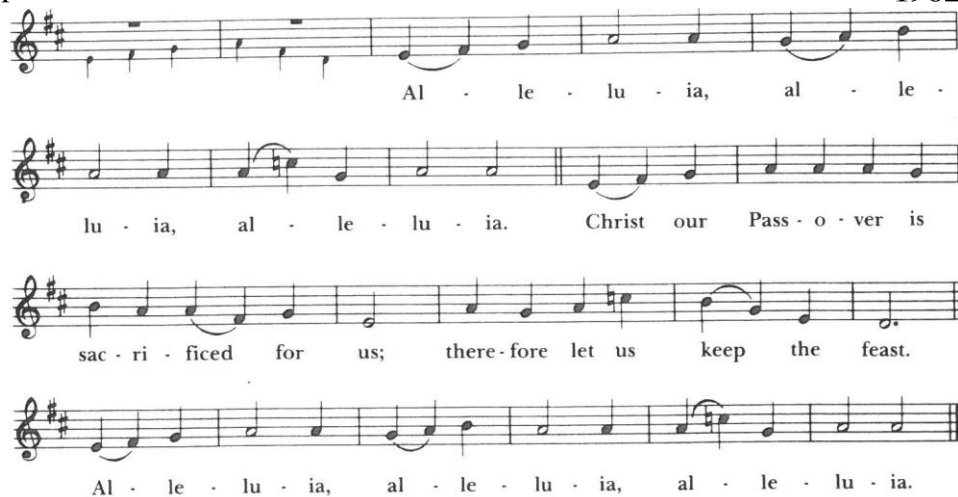
Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

1982 Hymnal #S155



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

God of love and grace, of justice and peace,
we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar
you assure us of your presence within us
and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations.
Grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries,
though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament,
may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy
and life-giving presence,
reshaping in your likeness the world around us,
until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence;
through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.

1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
 2. Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3. Here see the bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

1. Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel:
 2. Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
 3. Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove:

1. Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
 2. Here speaks the com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 3. Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

1. Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
 2. "Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
 3. Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 through your Word and presence.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Thine Arm, O Lord, In Days of Old

1982 Hymnal #567

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heav - en - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt. Music: *St. Matthew*, from *Supplemental to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra (1660-1744)



LET US PRAY

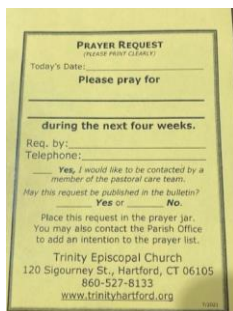
In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Steve Sirotko; Frances Sloan and Kate & Drew Smith.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Kent School; South Kent School, Pomfret School, Salisbury School, Wooster School, Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven, Trinity Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal Church at Yale; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, Trinity College, Hartford.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

We pray for Declan Rowe and family, Paulette McCurdy, Rhonda McKenzie, Nancy Crandall, Carmen Belgrave, Peter Ciparelli, the Nielsen Family, Sarah Kieffer, Linda Cushner, Michael, Caycee Callahan Blancaflor, David Klein and family, Ann Deely, Johanna, Kate Smith, Sam Hines and Yoleanna Russo, Juli Porter, Juhudi Mgombo, Fred Margeson, Jennifer Stephens, Zechariah Stephens, Katie Reynolds, Mavis Bennett; Ginny Catanzaro; Tori Henry; Louise Krippenstapel; Carlene Lewis; Judy Miller; Margaret Moore; Valentina Moore; Al Pereira; Jo-Ann Sadosky; Diane Bodine, Helen Strassner; Lindsey Tengtenga; Alice Turcotte, Richard Green (brother of Peter Green), Donald Bowens (Dianne Bowens-Waller), Bill McMunn and Richard Alan Garver, Diane Bowens-Waller, Bruce and Jane Tatge (parents of Anne Green), Polly Thomas, Rebecca Bourret, Peter Vreeland, Amy Williams, Diana Perkins (friend of Suzanne and Boo), Raldah Stephens, Joan and Ean Walsh (family of Jennifer Stephens) and those affected by mental and physical ailments, violence, natural disasters, especially the victims of Hurricane Ida, the people of Haiti affected by the earthquake, and immigration and refugee policies, especially the people of Afghanistan, and their families; and for those who mourn for loved ones.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for the repose of the souls of homicide victims in our city of Hartford, and beyond. We pray for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. We pray for ourselves and for our departed loved ones, that rejoicing with them in God's kingdom where every tear is wiped away, we may as one family sing praise forever and ever.



Prayer Jars and Prayer Request Forms are back in their regular spots: on the table in the South Narthex (hallway between Goodwin Hall and the Sanctuary) and inside the church on the table where you pick up bulletins after you enter Sigourney Street.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Right Rev. Andrew D. Smith – Presider
The Rev. George Chien (UMC, MCC) – Preacher

Readers

Cecelia Timothy (8:00 am)
 Anne Green (10:00 am)
 Kate Smith (10:00 am)

Intercessor

Cecelia Timothy (8:00 am)
 Peter Green (10:00 am)

Music Director

Michelle Horsley

Altar Flowers

George Chien

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau and Jake Troiano

Intercessory Prayer Team

Dianne Bowens-Waller and Valerie Pogue

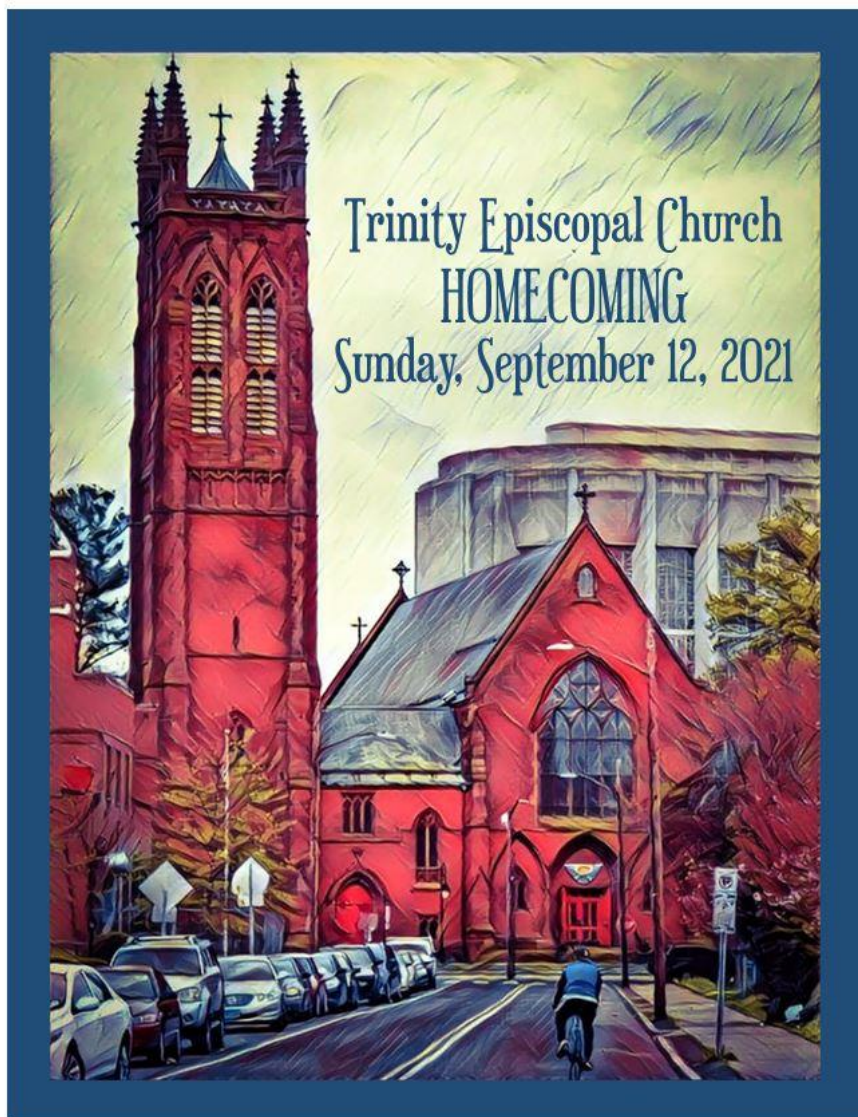
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Announcements



JOIN US FOR A BIG (BUT RESPONSIBLY SAFE) PARTY ON SEPTEMBER 12 – an event we're calling Homecoming Sunday.

Following the 10 am service, there will be a wide range of activities, including:

- Delicious refreshments
- Fun games
- Guided tours of the Trinity Church buildings
- Prizes
- And, most importantly, the chance to see your Trinity Church brothers and sisters live and in three dimensions!

Welcome Home!



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Rector on Vacation

Rev. D is on vacation and will return to the office on Tuesday, September 7th.

The Adult Christian Formation team needs your ideas!

As we plan forums and events for the coming program year, we want to know what topics and presenters you're interested in. So, we are taking a survey. It's a short questionnaire, and it should take only a few minutes to fill it out.

There will be paper copies for you to complete in church on Sunday, September 5. The survey is also available electronically at tinyurl.com/trinityacf2021 so if you're still enjoying a summer break on Sunday, you can complete the find the survey electronically and email to the church office.

We have some great offerings planned for early in the fall, but we want to make sure that what we offer is what you're looking for! Please take a few minutes to let us know what Christian Formation topics are of interest to you.

Martha Freimuth, team leader

Office Closed

The Office is Closed Monday, September 6, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

Women Together

Would you like an opportunity to meet with other women for reading, reflection and discussion on matters of the Christian faith? If so, please consider coming to Women Together, which meets weekly on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:15. Women from St. Monica's, Trinity, St. John's, and friends currently participate in WT, and all are welcome. For the first series of the program year, beginning September 14th and continuing through October, the featured book will be *Firstlight* by Sue Monk Kidd (available at Amazon). The meeting is planned to take place in the Reception Room at St. John's, on Farmington Avenue in West Hartford (with all attendees wearing masks); however, if the Covid situation changes, the meeting will be via Zoom. Please contact Enid Oberholtzer (tomenidjas@aol.com) or Jo-Ann Sadosky (joann.sadosky43@gmail.com) for more information.



Replacement Backpacks needed by
The Village for Families and Children

At least 100 backpacks that were going to be given to Hartford school have been destroyed by rain and Tropical Storm Henri.

In order to make a donation to replace what was lost please go to <https://thevillage.org/backpack-uniform-drive/>.

Thank you for your help!

... I was a stranger and you invited me in. —Matthew 25:35

An opportunity to resettle an Afghan refugee family

Trinity church, together with St. Patrick St. Anthony (Hartford), is going to resettle one of the thousands of refugee families now fleeing Afghanistan. Trinity has a decades-long history of helping refugees, and we are now privileged to continue that tradition. We are going to help our new family find housing, furnishings, clothing, jobs for the adults, English lessons, health care, and public education for the children. There are big jobs and little jobs for us to do -- a job to fit every volunteer. Please contact Anne Rapkin for more information (860-521-5992; a.rapkin@snet.net).

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. —Hebrews 13:1-2

Welcoming Refugees: Deepening Our Understanding of Culture--Theirs and Ours

We all know we have cultural beliefs and values, but often give little thought to them when we are working with immigrants and refugees in their struggles to acculturate into the US. We arm ourselves with general knowledge about their culture, while ignoring our own. Yet often we automatically see things through our own cultural lenses, which hinders our ability to help refugees adapt to this new land. Through the use of numerous examples of cultural disconnects, this session will help participants explore the broad categories of culture, their own cultural lenses, and offer suggestions for more in depth exploration in times of cultural disconnect or discordance to enhance our ability to assist refugees.

This session will be presented via Zoom and moderated by Dr. Judi Durham and will be joined by Mr. Naji Aldabaan, whose family was co-sponsored under Judi's leadership and whose family's story was featured in *Welcome to the New World*.

Judi Durham, Ph.D., LPC, is a psychotherapist with a focus on trauma; and Professor Emeritus, University of Saint Joseph. Her areas of concentration include multicultural & international counseling, and the intersection of culture, diversity and social justice in the provision of mental health services.

To RSVP go please contact the office (office@trinityhartford.org) and Barbara will send you a registration link.

A Zoom link will be sent after you register.



On Sunday, August 29, sixteen years after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Ida made landfall in the same region. This Category 4 storm brought flooding and damaging winds that caused a loss of water to hundreds of thousands and a loss of electricity to over 1 million people. Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with the Diocese of Louisiana and other regional partners in what will be a long-term response. Your generous gift will help alleviate suffering for the most vulnerable residents impacted by Hurricane Ida. Please visit episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief to make a gift today.

On Saturday, August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the southwest portion of Haiti. This devastating earthquake was followed by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night and much of Tuesday. More than 1 million people, including more than half a million children, have been impacted by the back-to-back disasters, and the death toll is close to 2000. Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners are responding immediately with direct assistance to vulnerable households in the region, as partners plan long-term recovery. Your generous gift can provide assistance to help people in the wake of these disasters. To assist in these efforts, visit episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief.

Weekly Calendar

- Sunday, September 5th** **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Memorial Garden)
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
- Monday, September 6th** **Labor Day – Office & Church Closed**
- Tuesday, September 7th**
6:00 P.M. Choir School of Hartford (Choir Room)
- Wednesday, September 8th**
7:00 P.M. Property Team Meeting (Zoom)
- Thursday, September 9th**
12:00 P.M. Noonday Prayer (Zoom)
6:00 P.M. Choir School of Hartford (Choir Room)
7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- Friday, September 10th**
7:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
- Sunday, September 12th** **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Homecoming**
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Memorial Garden)
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II



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