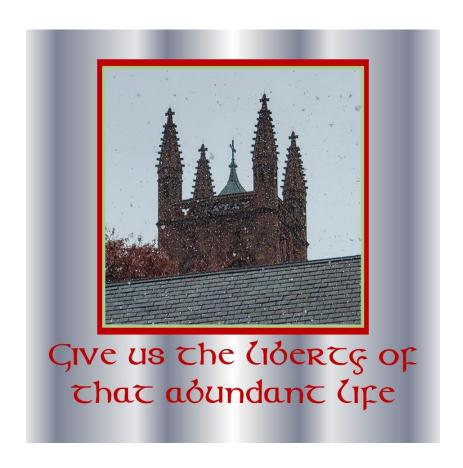
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 10:00 A.M.

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.

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.

KIDS IN CHURCH

Copies of 'The Sunday Paper Junior' coloring sheets and crayons are available at each Sanctuary entrance. Each week the coloring sheet will highlight an aspect of the Scripture for the day and includes notes to help

highlight an aspect of the Scripture for the day and includes notes to help parents talk to their kids about the theme. Please feel free to let your kids color and otherwise be themselves during the worship service. All are

welcome as they are, including kids!

If you need to step out of the service with your infant or toddler and are in search of a quite space to spend a few moments, the parent room (at the end of the North Narthex past the door to the Memorial Garden) is open during the 10 AM service. There is no child care attendant so all children must be

accompanied at all times by their parent / guardian.

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 *The Hymnal 1982* (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (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.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 10:00 A.M.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation (from American Folk Hymn Suite)

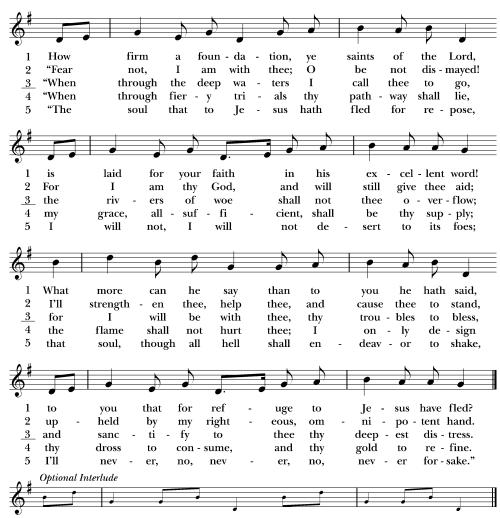
Michael Burkhardt

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

Hymnal 1982 #636



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.

Presider God of peace, we pray for the people of Palestine and Israel in these perilous and

dangerous times. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For all who are fearful for the safety of their loved ones and themselves, we pray that the

assurance of unfailing love, even in the midst of danger, settles upon them. Shelter them

from despair and protect them from harm. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For all who are wounded, we pray they find healing. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For all who have died, we pray they find rest. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For all who grieve, we pray they find comfort. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For leaders on all sides, we pray for a renewed will to lay down arms, for the strength to

put the grievances and wrongs suffered by their people to rest, and for the conviction to embrace a path of reconciliation and peace that preserves the rights and dignity of all of

your children. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider God of mercy, help us to remember there is no border that can separate us from your

great love and protection, no stone that can sound the well of your deep mercy. Gracious

God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider God of justice, we pray with hopeful hearts that your beloved children of the Holy Land

will be spared a future of sustained violence and unrest and that a recognition of the

humanity of all people will prevail. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in Gaza who live with injustice,

terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that all may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of your world; through Jesus Christ our

Lord. (adapted from Prayer for the Oppressed BCP 826)

People Amen.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Presider Let us pray.

> Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 40:21-31

> Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,

Reader **People**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM 147:1-12, 21C

BCP 804



- Hallelujah! How good it is to sing / <u>praises to our</u> /God! * how pleasant it is to / honor / him with / praise!
- The LORD rebuilds Je/rusa/lem; * he / gathers the / exiles of / Israel.
- 3 He heals the / broken/hearted *-- and binds / up their / wounds.
- 4 He counts the / <u>number of the</u> / stars * and / calls them / <u>all by</u> their / names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and / mighty in / power; * there is no / limit / to his / wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts / up the / lowly, * but casts the / wicked / to the / ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD / with thanks/-giving; * make music to our / God up/-on the / harp.
- 8 He covers the / heavens with / clouds * and prepares / rain / for the / earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow up/-on the / mountains * and green / plants to / serve man/kind.
- He provides food for / flocks and / herds * and for the young / ravens / when they / cry.
- He is not impressed by the / might of a / horse; * he has no pleasure in the / strength / of a / man;
- But the LORD has pleasure in / those who / fear him, * in those who a/wait his / gracious / favor.

Please sit.

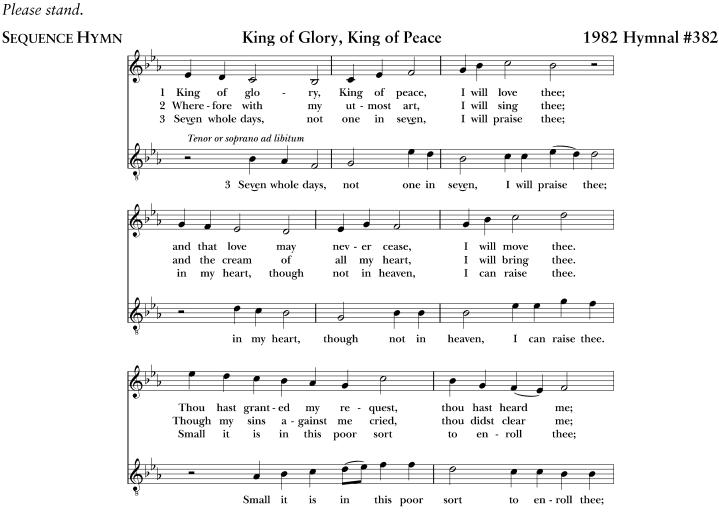
THE SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

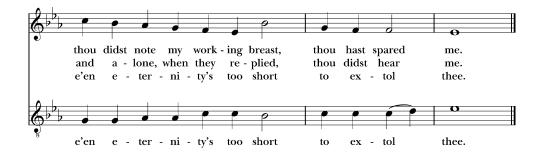
If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Reader

Thanks be to God. People

Please stand.





THE GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON The Rev. D Littlepage

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED From Enriching Our Worship*

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,

^{*}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).

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 IV

BCP 388

In the silence following each bidding the people are invited to offer additional prayers silently or aloud.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,

live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;

that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy *People Hear our prayer*.

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,

that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy *People Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, Intercessor

and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; Intercessor

give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy Intercessor People Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; Intercessor

and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer. People

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 359

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

Silence may be kept.

AllMost 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.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEACE

"I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river. I've got peace like a river in my soul."

Please sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

King of Glory, King of Peace

Bill Cunliffe (b. 1956)

King of glory, King of peace, I will praise thee. And that love may never cease, I will move thee.

Thou hast granted my request; thou hast heard me. Thou didst note my working breast; thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee. And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.

Through my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me. And alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee. In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee; e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

Presider All things come of thee O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

Enriching Our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

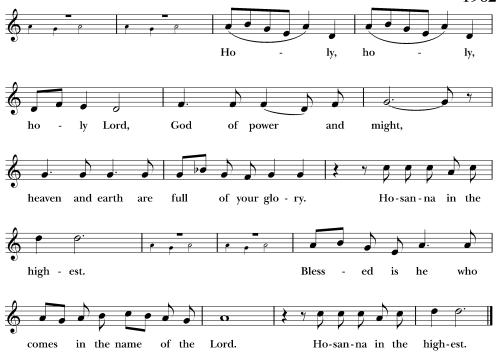
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb. You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



Presider

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in the language of our hearts, *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 for ever. Amen.

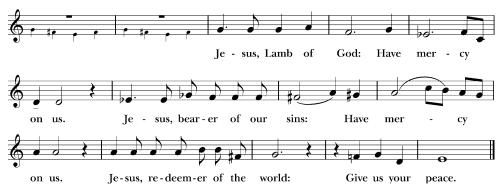
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

1982 Hymnal #S165



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

At the time of the administration of Communion, if you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available on request. Please remember that if you wish not to receive wine, receiving Bread only imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament.

Please sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Presider

Let us pray.

All

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 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. 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.

A LITURGY OF LEAVE TAKING

Rector

On the 2nd day of October, 2021, I was inducted as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, I now leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of this parish ends today. Mindful that the call to serve God is a call which comes in prayer, I now pray.

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you called me to stand in your house and serve at this altar. To you and your service I have devoted myself: body, soul and spirit. In this ministry, you have filled my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlightened my understanding with the Holy Spirit; I have asked that I center my heart and will on what you would have me do, even as you have entrusted these people to my care. As I leave this place, be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; that I might fulfill the duties of a ministry of service, to you, and to the whole creation of which we are stewards. All this I ask through the power of your most gracious Spirit. Amen.

Rector

At the beginning of my ministry, you gave me many things as symbols of my ministry among you. Now, I leave these things with you, the ministers of Trinity Church, Hartford, its congregation and lay leaders, as you continue living into your ministry as God's people in this place.

To A Worship Leader

Kate, receive these worship resources and stoles that belong to this church and continue to ensure that the prayers of God's people and, alongside the ministry of clergy who will assist in this time of transition, the sacraments of the church continue in this place.

People Amen.

To A Lay Preacher

Ash, receive this Lectionary Book and continue to use these scriptures to ensure that the word of Christ is preached and proclaimed in this place.

People Amen.

To Vestry Member

Receive these Canons and ensure that this congregation continues to be governed in accordance with them and in communion with our Bishop.

People Amen.

To Wardens Jacqui and Leslyn, receive these keys and let the doors of this parish continue to be open

to all people.

People Amen.

All O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your reign on earth in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks

for the ministry which we have shared.

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We

thank you for your forgiveness and mercy.

Silence

We Especially thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and

for the deeper knowledge of you, each other and the world we serve.

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism, confirmation and marriage. We thank you for opening the hearts and minds of

children and young people, that together with them, we might be fed by your sacraments.

Silence

We pray for those whom we have loved whose lives we have celebrated and whose spirits

live with you in eternity.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with those who stay; and grant that all of us,

drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your

saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, Amen.

Warden Do you, the people of Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford recognize and accept the

conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People We do.

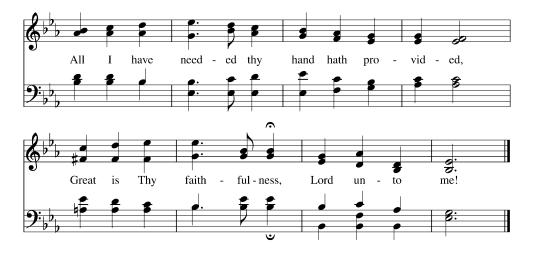
CLOSING PRAYER

The Rev. Tracy Johnson-Russell Rector, St. Monica's, Hartford

THE BLESSING

Great is Thy Faithfulness





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THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Choral Benediction for Rev D The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

You may choose to stay for the postlude (and express a spoken "amen" afterward if you'd like), but it is never expected! You may leave after the final hymn if you'd rather.

Please feel comfortable to make whatever choice is best for you.



Welcome and thank you to our friends at St. Monica's who have joined us today as we say farewell to Rev D.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. D Littlepage - Presider and Preacher

Readers

Martha Freimuth, Cathy Rowe

Intercessor Boo Morton

Ministers of Communion Suzanne Blancaflor, Marcus Clark Cathy Rowe

> **Flowers** George Chien

Intercessory Prayer Kitty Peterson

Virtual Vergers
Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Director of Music Michelle Horsley

Altar Guild Kitty Peterson, Mary Register

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Dorcas and Julian Blanchard; Frederick, Emily, Frederick Jr., Advetus, Fredlane, Leroy and Levi Bohlen; and Dianne Bowens-Waller.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Latino/Hispanic ministries in CT.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of South America.

We pray for The Swiatek Family Bp. Michael Curry

Saydie Eggleston Viola Cleo Bradshaw

Jane Wilson (sister-in-law of

Kathie Wilson) Faye, Elizabeth and

Hannah Aliene & their children

Gladys Irizarry
Elizabeth Pierce
Bishop Michael Curry
Fred Margeson
Isabella Gevarra
Cassandra Watson

Krystal Reid and Adrian MacLeach

Sonia Watson

The Wallace Family

Nancy Miller

Phillip Andrews (brother of Dianne Bowens-Waller)

Margaret Daniel

Tony Charron Vreeland

(son of Peter Vreeland) Cheryl Russo Winifred Costa

Jacqui Lucier John E. Robinson Grace Crooks

Philip Green (son of Peter &

Anne Green) Nora Baldwin

Stephanie Holland (niece of

Kitty Peterson) Elizabeth Mackie Sandy Cone Foley

J.B. Parke

Jennifer Stephens Laurie Lavoie Paulette McCurdy Rhonda McKenzie Carmen Belgrave

Kate Smith
Katie Reynolds

Tori and Trevor Henry Louise Krippenstapel Carlene Lewis

Judy Miller
Valentina Moore
Lindsey Tengatenga
Richard Green (brother of

Peter Green)

Donald Bowens (son of Dianne Bowens-Waller)

Peter Vreeland

Announcements

Embracing the Spirit: A Farewell Tribute to Rev. D Littlepage Join Us TODAY in Honoring a Legacy of Faith and Leadership!

As we prepare to bid a fond farewell to Rev. D Littlepage, the heart and soul of Trinity Church Hartford, we reflect on the profound impact of their exceptional leadership and unwavering spiritual guidance. Rev. D's uplifting sermons and steadfast faith have been a beacon of inspiration, guiding us through moments of joy and challenges alike.

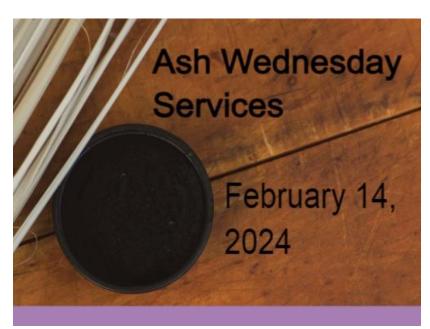
In celebration of this remarkable journey, we invite you to join us in expressing our deepest gratitude. Let's come together to acknowledge the gifts of service, acts of love, and sacramental presence that Rev. D has graciously shared with Trinity Church. Your contribution to Equality CT in their honor will not only be a testament to the profound impact of their ministry but also a meaningful way to support causes close to their heart.

You can make a difference by going to <u>www.trinityhartford.org/equalityct</u> or mail a check to S.E.E.'s office:

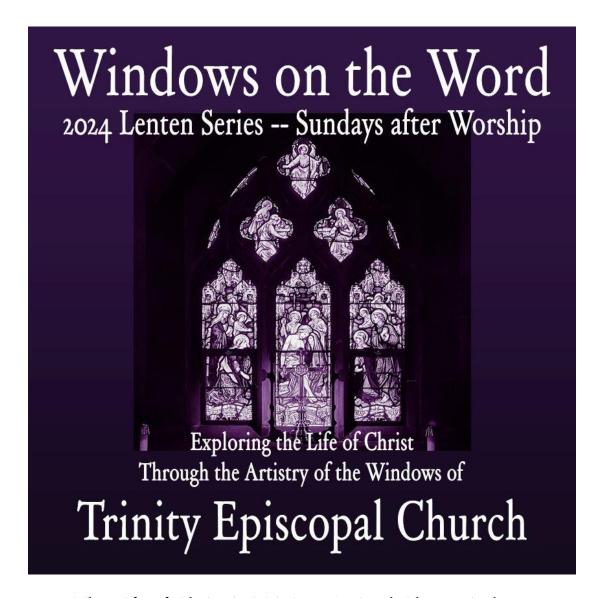
Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs 23564 Calabasas Road, Suite 201 Calabasas, CA 91302

Thank you for being a part of this special tribute. Let's celebrate Rev. D and the transformative journey we've shared. We look forward to seeing you at today's farewell coffee hour!

With gratitude, The Vestry of Trinity Church Hartford



12 Noon – Rite II with Imposition of Ashes7:00 PM – Rite II with Choir, Imposition of Ashes



The Life of Christ in Trinity's Stained Glass Windows February 18 – March 16, 2024

It is simply human to stop noticing what surrounds us all the time, no matter how beautiful and meaningful our environment happens to be. At Trinity Church we have been blessed with beautiful stained glass windows which surround our worship space. The windows depict the life of Jesus, beginning with the Annunciation in the first window on the south side of the nave, continuing through his youth, his ministry, a parable or two, the passion story, and concluding with the Resurrection and Ascension.

The windows contain details that many of us may have missed, since we usually pass the windows on our way to someplace else. We have the opportunity during the season of Lent this year to join Rev. George Chien (UMC, MCC) in studying the windows more closely, learning about the images that have been so familiar for so long. We will gather in the sanctuary at 11:30 on the Sundays of Lent beginning on Sunday, February 18, and George will share his insights about the artistry in the windows as well as the biblical and spiritual context of the images. Please plan to join us for this chance to enrich your Lenten practice.

Run for Refugees - Sunday, February 11, 2024



On Sunday, February 11, The Run for Refugees will take place in New Haven. Kate Smith will participate in person and Drew will do his 5K Virtually. It is a Sunday morning! This event is the major fundraiser for IRIS (Integrated Refugee Immigration Services) that helped train and work with the volunteers that settled "our" Syrian and 2 Afghan families. We are also honoring Chris George, the Director, who is retiring. You can support Kate and Drew's efforts by going to their webpage: https://give.classy.org/KateSmith.

If you'd like to participate, let me know at Kate48smith@comcast.net It's a great day with lots of food prepared by settled refugees.

Changes to Service Schedules

Thursdays

The noon Eucharist will be suspended until further notice.

Sundays

Until further notice there will be only one service on Sundays, and that is at 10:00 AM.

If you have any questions, please contact either Leslyn Clark or Jacqui Lucier at wardens @ Trinityhartford.org.

Ahli Arab Hospital Perseveres In Gaza

Despite extraordinary setbacks and extreme circumstances, Ahli Hospital and its resilient, heroic staff remain a beacon of hope in war-torn Gaza. Please take a moment to read the January 2024 newsletter found at www.Trinityhartford.org/ahliarabhospital.

Thank you. Kate Smith

Trinity's Book Group's current selection is the nonfiction book What is Life? by Paul Nurse, "the Nobel prize-winning scientist's elegant explanation of the fundamental ideas in biology and their uses today." Anne Rapkin and Steve Zhitnik will host the meeting at their home on March 1st, 7:00-9:00 pm. All are welcome to attend! Please let Anne or Steve know if you're coming. (anne.rapkin@gmail.com; s.zhitnik@snet.net) The meeting begins with refreshments and then launches into lively discussions.

Saheba's Dressmaking

The adult woman in one of the refugee families resettled by Trinity's Refugee Resettlement Committee is an experienced and accomplished seamstress and dressmaker. She is open for business at her home in West Hartford. Saheba Dadwall not only does all types of garment repairs and alterations, but she can create that dress or other clothing you'd like, and also creates and repairs other fabric items such as curtains, tote bags, and decorative pillows. Saheba has done repairs and complex alterations for some Trinity members, and they can vouch for her superior work and rapid completion of jobs.

If you would like to make an appointment with Saheba, please contact Anne Rapkin, 860-521-5992 or anne.rapkin@gmail.com.

Women Together

We invite you to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer and fellowship on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:15 pm in the reception room at St. John's (679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT).

On Tuesday February 13, 2024 we will begin discussing *Seeds* by Thomas Merton, 2002 Release Date. "Thomas Merton is often considered the most prominent Christian contemplative of the twentieth century, but he was also a political activist, social visionary, and literary figure whose writings combine the candor of Thoreau and the moral vision of Gandhi. Here is a remarkably accessible introduction to his work- a collection of a short, vivid excerpts arranged in four parts so as to parallel the journey of a seeking soul in the modern world."

We will start by reading the Introduction and Part 1. Don't worry if you haven't received your book yet, just come and enjoy the conversation.

The books we choose are usually available at libraries, amazon.com, and other booksellers including Thriftbooks. WT has been attended by women from St. John's, Trinity, St. James and St. Monica's. Please contact Linda MacGougan or Cathy Rowe if you would like additional information.

Year End Statements

Year-end statements were mailed the end of January. If you have not received a statement, please contact Barbara in the office @ Trinityhartford.org or 860-527-8133 ext. 204.



Trinity Academy Update

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, Trinity Academy will be located at Immanuel Congregational Church on Farmington Ave. We are thrilled that they will remain in Asylum Hill and wish them all the best.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 4th The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

No 8:00 AM Service

Rev D's last Sunday with Trinity

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church) 6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Tuesday, February 6th

2:00 P.M. Women Together (St. John's) 6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, February 8th

6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Church) 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, February 9th

7:30 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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