

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 11, 2021

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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*\*Please note: All music is for the 10am Service only*

PRELUDE

Prelude: Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today

traditional, arr. Craig Curry

WELCOME

The Rev. D. Littlepage

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

GATHERING HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1982 Hymnal #193

Presider

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

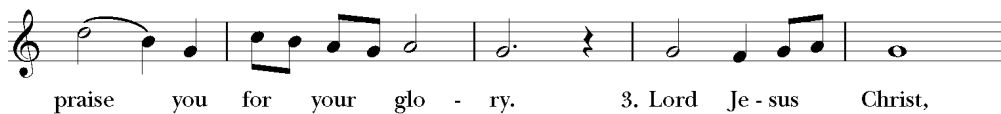
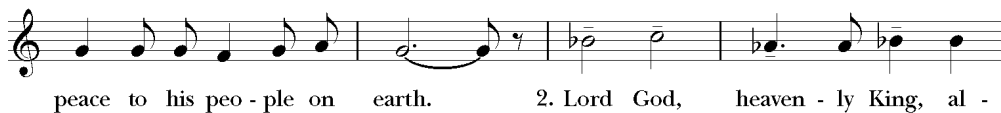
*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

1982 Hymnal #S278



5. you are seated 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People** *Amen.*

#### THE FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

**People** *Thanks be to God.*



- 1 Oh, how good and / plea-/ sant it is, \*  
when brethren live to/gether in / unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the / head \*  
that runs down up/on the / beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of / Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar / of his / robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of / Hermon \*  
that falls upon the / hills of / Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the / blessing: \*  
life /for ev-/ ermore.

## THE SECOND READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

1982 Hymnal #199

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

The Rev. George Chien (UMC, UCC)

*Silence for reflection*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

*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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.  
 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 and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He 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

Compiled by 2021 Lenten Series Participants

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| Intercessor   | For all believers around the world that we all may be united in sharing God's love in the world, let us pray to the Lord.   |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Risen Lord, hear our prayer.</i>   |
| Intercessor   | In thanksgiving for the gift of the Church and the relationships with each other that are possible through our relationships to Christ, and especially for the ways that the people of Trinity Church have supported each other during the pandemic, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Risen Lord, hear our prayer.</i>   |
| Intercessor   | For an end to distrust and hostility among the faiths of the world so that all of your children may live in peace, let us pray to the Lord.   |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Risen Lord, hear our prayer.</i>   |
| Intercessor   | For the leaders of our nation and of all nations that, through your blessing and guidance, their governance may bear fruits of justice and peace and for those living under the tyrannical leadership, let us pray to the Lord.   |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Risen Lord, hear our prayer.</i>   |
| Intercessor   | For those who flee war, persecution, economic distress, and climate change, that they may find safety and fullness of life, let us pray to the Lord.  |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Risen Lord, hear our prayer.</i>   |

Intercessor For the inspiration and resolve to confront racism, white supremacy, gun violence, and the destruction of this fragile earth our island home, let us pray to the Lord.  
**People** *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor For those who are hungry, or homeless, or unemployed let us pray to the Lord.  
**People** *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor For the healing of those suffering from addictions of any kind, especially the members of the 12 Step groups who normally meet at Trinity Church, let us pray to the Lord.  
**People** *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor For the comfort of those suffering the mental, emotional, and financial devastation of the pandemic, for the health of our communities, and for those directly caring for those sick with Covid-19, let us pray to the Lord.  
**People** *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor For the will among human communities to share resources to end the pandemic, let us pray to the Lord.  
**People** *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor For those who have died, and for those who mourn them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**People** *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

*The Presider adds a concluding collect.*

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC                      Lift High the Cross                      Stephen Nielsen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING                      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 It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## SANCTUS

1982 Hymnal #S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

## Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
 that she might conceive and bear a son,  
 Jesus the holy child of God.  
 Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
 yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
 Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
 the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,  
 Jesus was at table with his friends.  
 He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
 broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
 "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me."



As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,  
with all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*People*      **AMEN.**

Presider      And now, 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 this day 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.*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*[8am only: If you would like to receive Communion (Bread only), please maintain 6 ft of distance as you form a line. Please wait until you return to your vehicle to consume the Sacrament.]*

#### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION [10am only]

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
 In collaboration with Emanuel Lutheran Church

John Ferguson (b. 1941)

#### 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

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's children through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing.  
*People Amen.*

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.  
*People Amen.*

Presider May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.  
*People Amen.*

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the One Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you for ever.  
*People Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN                      The Strife Is O'er                      1982 Hymnal #208

## THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.  
*People Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.*

POSTLUDE                      Alleluias                      Margaret Sandresky (b. 1921)



## Today! Adult Christian Formation

As we celebrate the second Easter season with the Covid-19 pandemic impacting almost every aspect of our lives, how do we live into the joy, hope, and new life of the season? You are invited to join in a time of reflection around "Living Easter in the midst of a pandemic" led by Rev. D. after today's 10:00 AM service.

## LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Adair Lummis; Mark & Linda MacGougan; Maria Maldonado and Trinity's office volunteers and staff.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Mary's, Manchester; St. Andrew's, Marble Dale; All Saints', Meriden; hospital chaplains; Stephen Ministers; pastoral care groups; ministries of healing; nurses; wellness programs; and recovery ministries.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

We pray for Ann Deely, Johanna, Kate Smith, Patrick, Sam Hines and Yoleanna Russo, Juli Porter, Juhudi Mgombo, Fred Margeson, Jennifer Stephens, Zechariah Stephens, Jo-Ellen Jansing, 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 Tengatenga; Alice Turcotte; Mary and Jim Register, 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, Ken Rousseau (Casey Rousseau's dad), 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, and immigration and refugee policies, 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.

The words of the service are taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

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**+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +**

**The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider**  
**The Rev. George Chien, UMC, UCC – Preacher**

**Readers**

Martha Freimuth (8:00 am)  
Kevin Rennie (10:00 am)  
Mark MacGougan (10:00 am)

**Intercessor**

Martha Freimuth (8:00 am)  
Michael Okeke (10:00 am)

**Cantor/Soloist**

George Chien

**Director of Music**

Michelle Horsley

**Virtual Vergers**

Casey Rousseau  
Jake Troiano

**Altar Flowers**

George Chien and Percy Williamson



## Black Lives Matter to God and to Us

If you've driven down Sigourney St. by the Church this week you may have noticed a new addition to the close: a 4x6 sign that reads "Black Lives Matter to God and to Us". While there may be disagreement about various political strategies that have been lumped under the umbrella of the Black Lives Matter movement, our sign is not about endorsing any particular political strategy or tactic. Instead, the sign is an outward and visible symbol of the commitment that we have made at Trinity Church to continue to do the work of dismantling white supremacy, racism, and anti-Black violence in ourselves and in our neighborhood. Putting up the sign is one way of embodying our commitment. What other ways might we continue to live into the commitments of our Baptism to "see and serve Christ in all person, loving our neighbor as ourselves" and to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every being?"

Black Lives Matter to God. Black Lives Matter to Us.

May God who has given us the will to persevere on this journey  
give us the grace and power to live like it!



## An Easter Message from Our Bishops

*Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”  
Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where  
you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!”  
She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). John 20: 15-16*

The exchange between Jesus and Mary in the garden is perhaps one of the most pastoral and loving images in all scripture. There is Mary, weeping at her loss, the depth of her grief is palpable and real. And then the Lord, the risen Lord speaks her name, “Mary.” You can hear his tone of love and hope reaching out to her. Do her tears of sadness turn to tears of joy? She sees the Lord, she hears his voice, she knows the Resurrection is true -new life, and new hope, a journey forward to God’s true future.

This past year we have all done a lot of weeping. We have wept at the loss of loved ones. We have wept during illness, grief, and confusion. We have wept as we watched essential workers risk their own personal safety to meet the needs of others. Some of us have been those vital, essential workers. We have wept at the loss of countless hopes and dreams -ours, those of our communities, and those of our churches. We have wept over the loss of hopes and dreams we have not yet been able to imagine. Some days we have just wept, not even knowing why.

We have wept at the injustices we have seen around us – the realities of food insecurity and the vulnerability of meeting basic human needs because of lost employment and/or economic insecurity. We grieve the deaths of those whose lives were taken by the realities of racism, white supremacy, and anti-black violence. Sadly, the deadly mix of racism, gun violence and misogyny was recently brought home to us in the killings in Atlanta, GA a short time ago; followed up by yet another gun violence tragedy in Boulder, CO last week. And just this week we are reminded of the murder of George Floyd as the trial of Derek Chauvin begins - and we weep again.

Into this world of despair and death, Jesus speaks his heart of love to us. He calls us by name. Each one of us - by name. Each one of us -known by him, loved by him. He is overjoyed at the mere existence of our being. We are his delight. And to his delight he offers the truth revealed in the Resurrection. New life, and new hope.

New life and new hope - we are buoyed up by a lightness where there has been weight before. Some of this lightness we feel in the new hope of vaccines. We see the possibility of new life in our ongoing commitment (albeit just the first few steps) to work against racial injustice. Let us not lose sight of the fact that the true lightness comes from God who is and the source of new life and new hope. The joy of the Resurrection is true. New life and new hope are ours because we walk with Jesus. There is indeed a new day and it is a new day with Jesus. May we embrace this walk with joy! May we seek always to follow the light of Jesus, to walk in that light, and to share that light with others in word and deed.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop Diocesan

The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan



## A notice from the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

April 7, 2021

**To the Bishops, Clergy, and People of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut:**

Today, the Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Ph.D. announced his intention to retire as Bishop Diocesan effective October 2022. In consultation with the bishops, the Standing Committee issues this notice to announce the anticipated vacancy in the office of Bishop Diocesan.

We have begun the steps required by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut; (Canon XVI: Section 1-8), for the Bishop Transition Process. As part of that process, we call for the formation of a Bishop Transition Committee (“BTC”), which will be responsible for the nomination of candidates for XVI Bishop Diocesan, the consecration of the new bishop, and the transition process generally.

“The BTC shall consist of twenty-four members who are adult communicants in good standing, or members of the clergy in good standing canonically resident in our Diocese, selected as follows:

- A) Twelve members selected by the Regions, with each Region selecting one lay person who is a member of a Parish or Worshipping Community in the Region, and one clergy person living or working in the Region;
  - B) Twelve members selected by the Mission Council from a pool of twenty-four lay or clergy persons nominated by the Standing Committee, giving priority to members of the Diocesan Ministry Networks; the resulting group of 12 shall include at least four lay persons and at least four clergy persons.”
- (Canon XVI:2)

We request persons interested in being nominated by the Standing Committee to serve on the BTC to submit their names, parish or worshiping community affiliation, contact information (daytime phone, email, and mailing address), and a statement (no more than one paragraph) outlining the assets they would bring to the Bishop Transition Process. Please submit this information to the Secretary of the Standing Committee, Nancy Staniewicz at [staniewicz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:staniewicz@sbcglobal.net) no later than April 19, 2021 at 12 pm.



The Standing Committee will review the submissions and will nominate 24 candidates to the Mission Council by April 22, 2021, giving priority to members of the Diocesan Ministry Networks as required by Canon XVI, Section 2(B). The Mission Council will then select 12 members of the BTC from the Standing Committee's pool of twenty-four nominees by April 26, 2021 and submit them to the Secretary of the Diocese, The Rev. Sandra Cosman. The Regions will also submit the names of the members of the BTC that each Region has selected to the Secretary of the Diocese by April 26, 2021.

The Bishop Transition Committee for the Election of the XVI Bishop Diocesan will be announced to the diocese by April 27, 2021 and the first meeting will be convened by the President of the Standing Committee, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, on May 6, 2021.

The Standing Committee has also consulted with and advised Bishop Ian on the electing Convention for the XVI Bishop Diocesan, and have consented to holding that convention on May 21, 2022.

We thank Bishop Ian for his faithful and innovative service to our diocese, and we ask that you pray for the leaders who will be raised up in the process.

Faithfully,

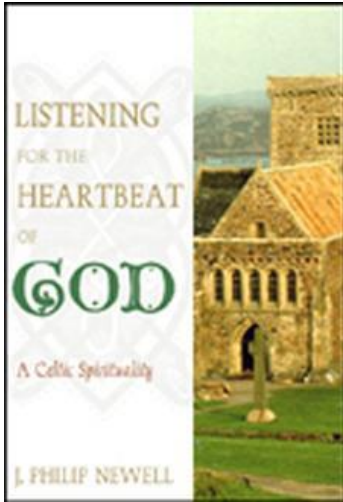
The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

The Rev. Rowena Kemp, President  
The Rev. Peggy Hodgkins  
The Rev. Amjad Samuel  
The Rev. Mark Byers  
The Rev. Darryl Burke  
The Rev. Geoff Hahneman

Nancy Staniewicz, Secretary  
Pam Williams  
Denise Welsh  
Kevin Fenner  
A. Bates Lyons  
Thom Hagerth

## Life in the Spirit Book Group

In response to a conversation with Al Shuckra last May, a small group of Trinity parishioners decided to read and discuss “The Universal Christ” by Richard Rohr, meeting by Zoom every Monday evening for an hour, over a number of months. The last chapter we read together the week after Al died.



Our experience was so rich that we’ve decided to continue. We have just finished our third book, “Beginning to Pray” by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom.

We’d like to invite you to join us in reading and discussing our next book, “Listening to the Heartbeat of God : A Celtic Spirituality” by the Rev. Dr. J. Philip Newell. “Listening for the Heartbeat of God presents a spirituality for today, modeled on the vital characteristics of Celtic spirituality through the centuries. Here is an emphasis on the essential goodness of creation and of humanity made in the image of God. This book traces the lines of Celtic spirituality from the British church in the fourth century through to the twentieth century, in the founder of the Iona Community, George

Macleod.”

We meet Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm via Zoom, beginning again with our new book on Monday, April 5, 2021.

For more information, contact Drew Smith at [ktadsmith@comcast.net](mailto:ktadsmith@comcast.net) or 860-331-9021.



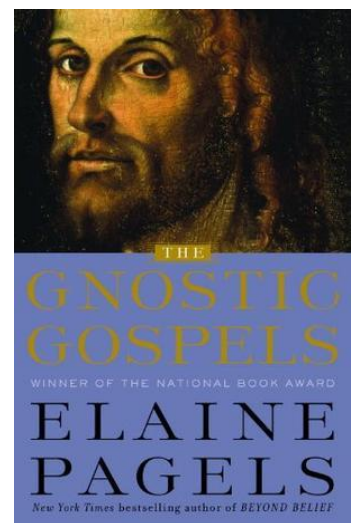
## Women Together

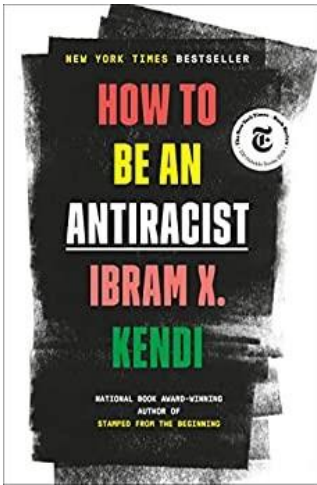
On April 27th, Women Together will begin a 6-week study of *The Gnostic Gospels* by Elaine Pagels, “an intellectually elegant, concise study” evoking the world of early Christianity.

WT meets weekly on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:15 pm, bringing together women from Trinity, St. John’s, St. Monica’s, and friends. This series will be the last of the program year.

If you’d like a link for these Zoom meetings, please contact Enid Oberholtzer ([tomenidjas@aol.com](mailto:tomenidjas@aol.com)) or Heather Kramer ([heatherjk1989@gmail.com](mailto:heatherjk1989@gmail.com))

Newcomers are always welcome!





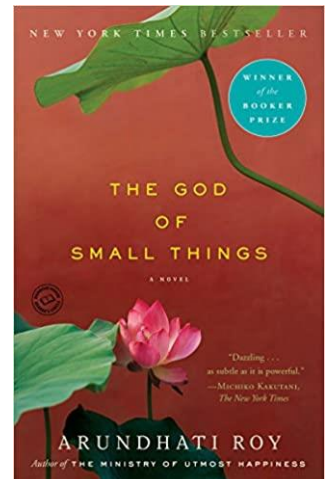
## Companions of the Holy Cross open meeting: April 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM -12:00

The Companions of the Holy Cross invite the women of the parish to a book discussion of: How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi.

We will discuss this best-selling book in hopes of understanding this controversial topic better. Please contact Kate Smith at Kate48smith@comcast.net for details.

## Trinity Book Group

*The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy is the featured work for the next meeting of Trinity's Book Group, on May 7th. The novel, set in modern day India, is described as "equal parts powerful family saga, forbidden love story, and piercing political drama", and "explores how the small things affect people's behavior and their lives". It won the Booker Prize in 1997. Book Group welcomes all comers - whether for one meeting or on a regular basis. The meeting on Friday, May 7th, 7 - 8 pm, will be via Zoom. Please contact Linda MacGougan at [macgougans@gmail.com](mailto:macgougans@gmail.com) to receive a link.



## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

### Second Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Memorial Garden)
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (YouTube)
- 11:00 A.M. Adult Christian Formation:  
*Living Easter in the midst of a pandemic*, Rev D (Zoom)
- 12:30–1:30 P.M. Distribution of Communion (Farmington Ave. Parking Lot)

### Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 P.M. Life in the Spirit Book Club (Zoom)

### Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

- 2:00 P.M. Women Together (Trinity, St. Monica's, St. John's) (Zoom)
- 5:15 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Church)

### Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 P.M. Property Team Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 P.M. Outreach Meeting (Zoom)

### Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00 P.M. Noonday Prayer Service (Zoom)
- 6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Church)

### Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

- 2:00 P.M. Church by the Pond (Bushnell Park)  
Rev. D presiding

### Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

### Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Memorial Garden)
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (YouTube)
- 11:30–12:30 P.M. Distribution of Communion (Farmington Ave. Parking Lot)



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