TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY AND INSTALLATION OF THE REV. D. LITTLEPAGE AS 13TH RECTOR

OCTOBER 2, 2021 11:00 AM



A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

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PRELUDE

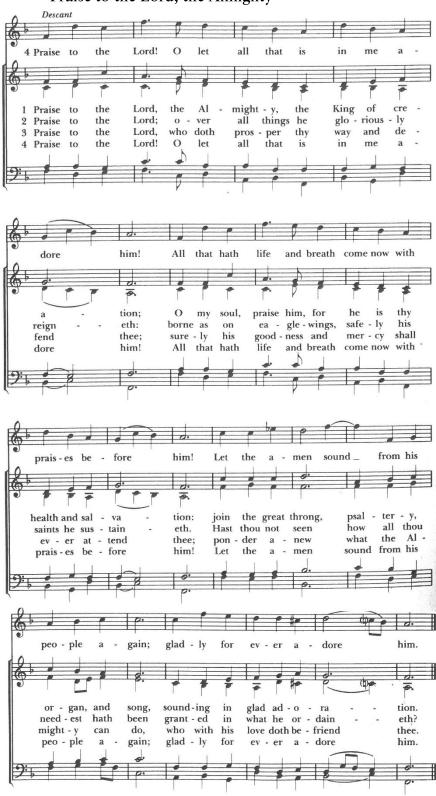
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

David Cherwien (b. 1957)

GATHERING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1982 Hymnal #390



Bishop Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God, Creator of all.

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

Bishop Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The people are seated. The Wardens stand near the Bishop.

Bishop People of Trinity Episcopal Church, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned

your choice for a new Rector.

Wardens We have chosen and called Dorothella Littlepage to be our Rector, and she has accepted.

Bishop I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The letter of Institution is read. The Bishop continues.

D., do you in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and

responsibility with the people of Trinity Church?

Rector I do.

The members of Trinity Church stand.

Bishop Are you, the people of Trinity Episcopal Church, ready to continue in your ministry, with

D. as your priest?

People We are.

Bishop Good people of Trinity Church, through Holy Baptism you have been adopted into the community of faith, God's holy fellowship, the Body of Christ, the Church. Together with your Rector, you are called to share in God's mission to restore all people to unity with

God and each other in Christ.

Having covenanted in Baptism to share this work, remember that each of you has resources and gifts for ministry. Join your Rector, in prayer, in discerning God's vision and mission for this parish, and in calling forth the leadership, resources and talents to carry out that mission.

People of Trinity Church, do you commit yourselves to minister in Christ's name, with mutual affection and respect, within this parish, in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, and in the wider community?

People We do.

The Bishop invites visitors, members of neighboring congregations, and members of the local community to stand.

Bishop

Will you, the members of the local community and the wider Church, who witness this new beginning, support and uphold the priest and people of this congregation in their ministry together?

People We will.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Read by Freya Watt

Esther 4:12-14

A Reading from Esther

When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.'

Reader

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

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-17 BCP 794



- 1 Lord, you have searched me / out and / known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; ✓ you dis/cern my / thoughts from a/far.
- 2 You trace my / journeys and my / resting-places * and are ac/quainted with / all my / ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a / word on my / lips, * but you, O Lord, / know it / alto/gether.



4 You press upon me be/hind <u>and be</u>/fore * and / lay your / hand up/on me.

Verse 5 sung to second half of chant

- 5 Such knowledge is too / wonderful for / me; * it is so / high that I / cannot at/tain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then / from your / Spirit? * where can I / <u>flee</u> / from your / presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, / you are / there; *
 if I make the grave my / bed, you are / there / also.
- 8 If I take the / wings of the / morning * and dwell in the / uttermost / parts of the / sea,
- 9 Even there your / hand will / lead me * and your / right hand / hold me / fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the / darkness will / cover me, * and the light a/round me / turn to / night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; ✓
 the night is as / bright as the / day; *
 darkness and light to / you are / both a/like.
- 12 For you yourself created my / inmost / parts; * you knit me to/gether in my / mother's / womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am / marvelously /made; * your works are wonderful, / and I / know it / well.
- 14 My body was not / hidden from / you, * while I was being made in secret and / woven in the / depths of the / earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were / written in your / book; *
 they were fashioned day by day, when as / yet / there was / none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your / thoughts, O / God! * how / great / is the / sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in / <u>number than the</u> / sand; * to count them all, my life span would / need to / be like / yours.

THE SECOND READING
Read in Igbo by Comfort Obiageli Igboanugo

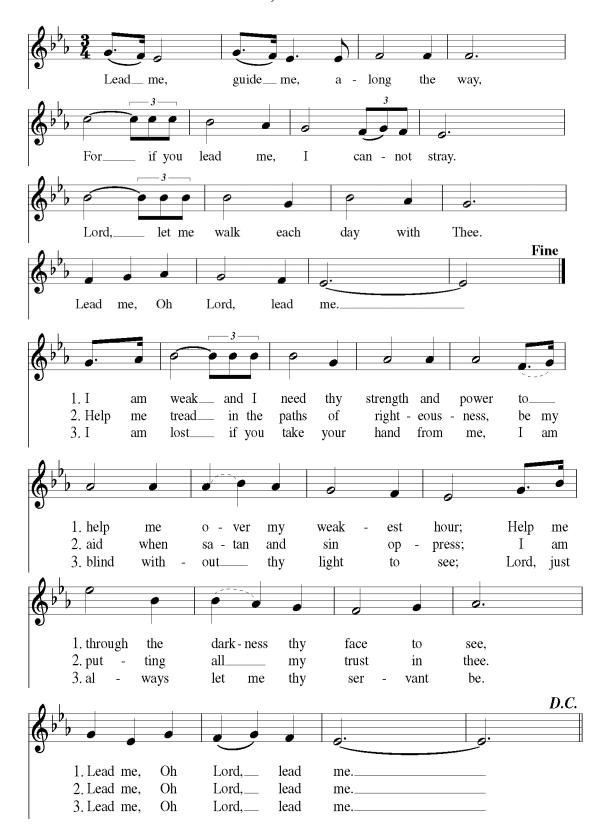
Otù aru di, otù Mọ di kwa, dika akpọ-kwa-ra unu nime otù olile-anya nke ọkpukpọ-unu; otù Onye-nwe-ayi di, otù okwukwe di, otù baptism di, otù Chineke na Nna nke ayi nile di, Onye bu isi ayi nile, Onye site-kwa-ra n'aka ayi nile nālu olu, Onye nāno kwa nime ayi nile. Ma o bu ayi nile n'otù n'otù ka enyere amara ahu dika otùtù nke onyinye Kraist si di.

Ya onwe-ya nye-kwa-ra ufodu ka ha buru ndi-ozi; nye kwa ufodu ka ha buru ndi-amuma; nye kwa ufodu ka ha buru ndi nāzù aturu Chineke na ndi-ozizí; ime ka ndi nso zu okè ilu olu nke ije-ozi, iwuli aru nke Kraist elu dika ulo: rue mbe ayi nile gēru idi-n'otù nke okwukwe na nke nmazu nke Okpara Chineke, ru ibu nwoke tozuru okè, ru otùtù nke ogologo nke ozuzù nke Kraist: ka ayi we ghara ibu umu ohu ozo, ndi ifufe nile o bula nke ozizí nēfeghari nēbughari kwa, nime itu-ntu nke madu, nime aghugho, nke ha ji ezuputa nduhie; kama ka ayi we nēso ezi-okwu nime ihu-n'anya, we tó etó rue nime Ya n'ihe nile, Onye bu isi-ayi, bú Kraist; Onye aru nile, ebe anēwere nkwonkwo nile o bula nke nnyezu kwuko ya nke-oma jiko kwa ya, dika ilusi-o1u-ike nke akuku nile o bula n'otù n'otù n'otùtù-ha si di, aru nile ahu nēsite na Ya nēme ka aru ba uba iwuli onwe-ya elu dika ulo nime ihu-n'anya.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

People Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL John 15:9-16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.'

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY The Rev. Glenna J. Huber

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Bishop D., people of Trinity Church, and all gathered here today, in Holy Baptism we received

full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in God's mission in which the Church

participates, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People We will, with God's help.

Bishop The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with

Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and

of the Holy Spirit.

Rector Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce

Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic

Church.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment

to Iesus Christ?

People I do.

Rector Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Rector Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,

and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Rector Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every

human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,

bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us

in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

A LITANY FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Leader Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

People Have mercy on us.

Leader Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,

People Have mercy on us.

Leader Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,

People Have mercy on us.

Leader Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

People Have mercy on us.

Leader From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for

your love,

People Savior, deliver us.

Leader From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need

of your compassion,

People Savior, deliver us.

Leader From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from

lack of persistence and thoroughness,

People Savior, deliver us.

Leader From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading

the Gospel,

People Savior, deliver us.

Leader O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom

in this time and place.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope

and stories of refreshment.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the

wonderful works of God.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities,

and all parts of the world.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely,

dangerous and unresponsive places.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and

every place.

People Hear us, O Christ.

THE INDUCTION

Representatives of the congregation and of the Clergy of the Diocese stand before the Bishop with the new minister.

The Bishop presents a vessel of water, saying

D., take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People Amen.

Clement Mogor, Formation Quadrant Liaison, presents a Bible, saying,

D., accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

People Amen.

Peter Green, Worship Quadrant Liaison, presents bread and wine, saying,

D., take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.

People Amen.

Martha Freimuth (Tom Oberholtzer and Alan Rice in absentia), Wardens during the transition period, present a stole saying,

D., receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People Amen.

Anne Rapkin, Parish Care Quadrant Liaison, presents a book of prayers saying,

D., receive this book, and be among us as a person of prayer.

People Amen.

Penny Pearson, Faith in Action Team Member presents a stock of oil saying,

D., use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

People Amen.

Mark MacGougan and Kitty Peterson, Wardens, present keys saying,

D., receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People Amen.

The Rev. Rowena Kemp, President of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and Rector of Grace Church, Hartford presents the Constitution and Canons of this Church saying, D., obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this Diocese.

People Amen.

Bishop D., let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place.

People Amen.

The new minister kneels and says

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. 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; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Bishop Greet your new Rector.

The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate.

THE PEACE

Rector The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Today's offering will be designated for the Rector's discretionary fund. The offering plates are located at the front and back entrances of the church.

OFFERTORY MUSIC God of Grace and God of Glory Paul Manz (1919-2009)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C
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Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Bishop God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Bishop 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.

Bishop From the primal elements you brought forth the human race

and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.

You made us the stewards 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.

Bishop 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.

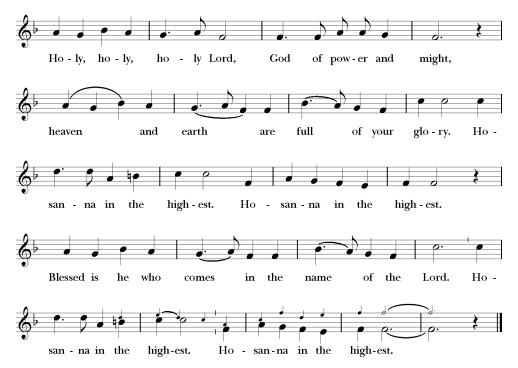
People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Bishop 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:



Bishop

People

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,

Bishop Lord God of our Ancestors:

God of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

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

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.

Bishop 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.

All

Bishop As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

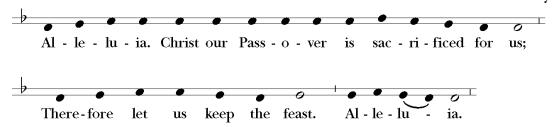
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

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All are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail. 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.

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC Precious Lord, Take My Hand Thomas Dorsey / Jack Schrader

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that D. may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we all may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop

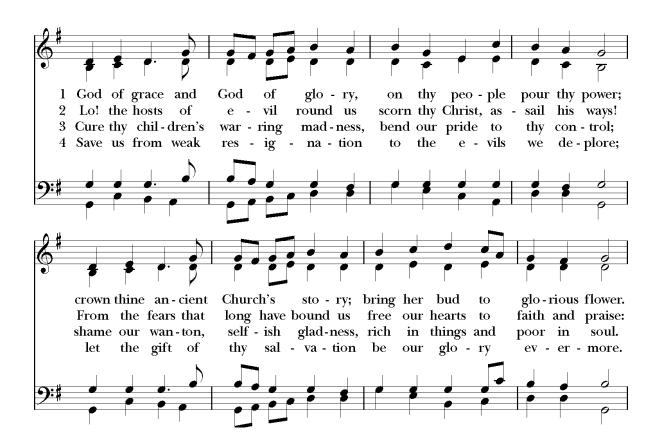
We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. D., I commend to your love and care the people of Trinity Church. My siblings in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Rector, colleague and friend, D.

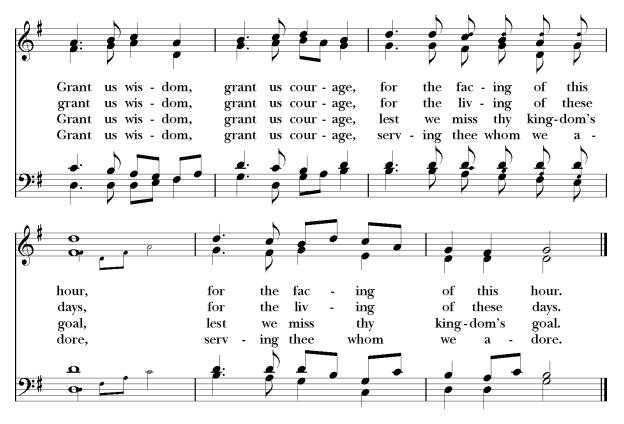
THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Chorale Triumphale on "Nun Danket Alle Gott" Sigrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

+ Liturgical Leaders +

Presider

The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens
Bishop Suffragan,
The Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Preacher

The Rev. Glenna J. Huber Rector Church of the Epiphany Washington, D.C.

Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Pat Jackson

Bishop's Chaplain Elizabeth Rousseau

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> Litany Leader Kathie Wilson

Ministers of Communion Kate Byroade, Marcus Clark Althea Francis, Mark MacGougan

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> > Music Director Michelle Horsley

Flower & Altar Guilds George Chien, Percy Williamson

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A brief history of Trinity Church, Hartford

Trinity Parish was founded in 1859 by twelve families living in the Asylum Hill neighborhood of Hartford. At that time, the common practice of churches was to raise funds for their operation by the rental of pews. Trinity was a pioneer in Hartford in making the decision to be a "free" church where, there being no pew rents, any person "no matter what his or her wealth or poverty" might find spiritual nourishment. This commitment was reaffirmed at the cornerstone-laying of the present building in 1894 by Colonel Jacob L. Greene, who said, "Here no one is to be higher in right or privilege than another, this common and equal right being based on the common and equal need which each one has of divine help."

This fundamental belief in the intrinsic value of every person continues to make Trinity a body of diverse individuals from richly varied backgrounds, united in faith and mission, each contributing in his or her own way to the life of the parish. We embrace St. Paul's notion that we are together the Body of Christ, and individually members of it, and that no one part of the body can do without another, and that no part of the body is exalted over the other.

Trinity's first building, a former Unitarian Meeting House, was moved stone-by-stone to the present site. Construction on a rectory (now the Parish House) began in 1881. Between 1892 and 1898, with the support of a gift from the Reverend Francis Goodwin, Trinity's third Rector, and his wife, Mary, Goodwin Hall was built and the original church building replaced by the present one. The education wing was completed in 1961 to mark the parish's 100th anniversary.

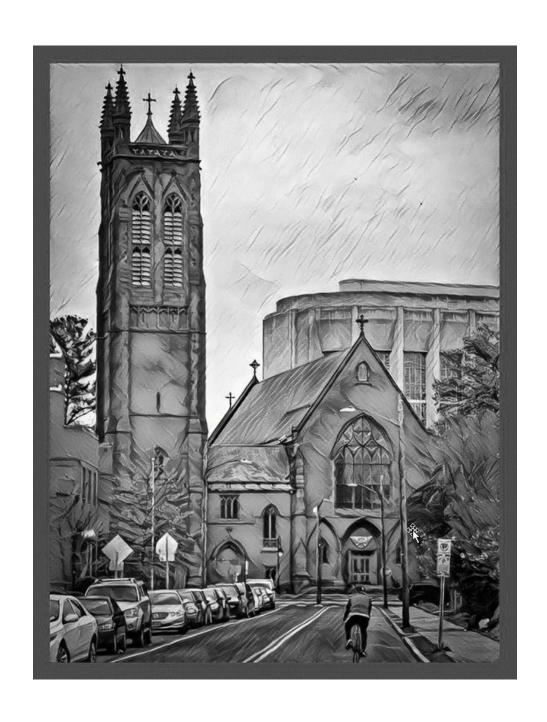
Currently, Trinity Church hosts Trinity Academy, an independent, privately funded, tuition-free elementary school for grades 1-4 in the education wing and other parts of the building. Additionally, the second floor of the Parish House is occupied by Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) which is expanding its presence in the Hartford area to more effectively serve existing and incoming refugees.

More than one hundred fifty years after its founding, Trinity Episcopal Church continues to actively discern what God is doing in the Greater Hartford area and in the world, seeking to further that mission through ministries of welcome, hope and healing.

Rectors of Trinity Episcopal Church

Pelham Williams	1861-1863	Raymond Cunningham	1925-1950
Simon G. Fuller	1863-1865	E. Kingsland Van Winkle	1951-1971
Francis Goodwin	1865-1871	Edward P. Townsend	1971-1979
Edwin E. Johnson	1871-1883	William R. Payton	1980-1982
Storrs O. Seymour	: 1883-1893	William J. Eakins	1984-2002
Ernest DeF. Miel	1893-1925	Donald L. Hamer	2004-2019

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