

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER

JULY 26, 2020

8:00 A.M. IN-PERSON IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

10:00 A.M. VIA ZOOM

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field



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From the Wardens, July 2020

The Sunday morning schedule will be as follows:

- Morning Prayer will be said at 8:00 am in the Memorial Garden.
- Morning Prayer will be broadcast at 10:00 am via Zoom.
- You may participate in either the 8:00 am in person worship or the 10:00 am Zoom, or both.

Here is a summary of the mechanics of Sunday morning gathering in the garden:

Gathering.

- **Masks are required to be worn by the congregation. A limited supply of masks will be available for those who do not have one.**
- Entrance and exit to the Memorial Garden will be through the Sigourney Street garden gate only.
- Upon entrance, an Usher will ask you if you have registered for the 8:00 am service.
- **IMPORTANT: Please sign-in using the book by the garden gate entrance.**
- Chairs are set up with 6 ft distance between. Please sit in one of the open spaces, keeping 6 feet between you and others not of your household.
- Restrooms in the Narthex are available if needed.

Worship.

- Single use Bulletins will be provided. Please take your bulletin home with you.
- **There will be no congregational singing.**
- An Offering plate will be provided on the steps going up to the church inside the Memorial Garden; plates will not be passed.
- Please remain seated after the postlude at 8:00 am for a brief ceremony honoring Jackson Merrill.
- There is no coffee hour.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are not feeling well, running a fever, coughing, etc., you should not attend church until you are well and have completed a 14-day self- quarantine. The same is true for those who have come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. If you have, you must complete a 14-day self- quarantine before attending church. Those in vulnerable populations should carefully consider whether or not to attend Sunday public worship.

For those who cannot come to church, webcasts and Zoom offerings will continue.

A 10:00 am Zoom Morning Prayer service continues on Sunday.

Noonday Prayer continues via Zoom on Thursdays.

Faithfully,
Martha Freimuth and Tom Oberholtzer

MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

8:00 A.M. IN PERSON IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

10:00 A.M. WITH MUSIC VIA ZOOM

ORGAN: *Prelude in a*, BWV 543a

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME – Officiant

HYMN 410 Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

1. Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; To his
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To his
 3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; Well our
 4. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; You be -



1. feet thy tri - bute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 2. chil - dren in dis - tress; Praise him still the same as
 3. fee - ble frame he knows; In his hand he gen - tly
 4. hold him face to face; Sun and moon bow down be -



1. give - en, Ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. ev - er, Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. bears us, Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. fore him, In his ho - ly dwell - ing place. Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,

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

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
All Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips;
All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is
now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

Officiant The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

THE INVITATORY:

VENITE *Psalms 95:1-7*

All recite together.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 128

Please read responsively .

1 Happy are they all who fear the Lord, *
and who follow in his ways!

2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the Lord *
shall thus indeed be blessed.

5 The Lord bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore ever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Canticle 21: S 282 *Te Deum laudamus*

All

1. You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord: we ac -

I

claim you; 2. You are the e - ter - nal Fa - ther: All cre - a -

II

tion wor-ships you. 3. To you all an - gels, all the powers

of hea - ven, Cher - u - bim and Ser - a - phim, sing in end -

All

less praise: 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

I

ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth

II

are full of your glo - ry. 5. The glo - rious com - pan - y

I

of a - pos - tles praise you. The no - ble fel - low - ship

II

of pro - phets praise you. The white-robed ar - my

I

of mar - tyrs praise you. 6. Through - out the world

the ho - ly Church ac - claims you; Fa - ther, of ma-jes - ty

un - bound - ed, your true and on - ly Son, wor-thy of all wor - ship,

and the Ho - ly Spi - rit, ad - vo - cate and guide.

All
7. You, Christ, are the king of glo-ry, the e - ter-nal Son of the Fa-ther.

I
8. When you be - came man to set us free you did not shun

II
the Vir - gin's womb. 9. You o - ver-came the sting of death

and o - pened the king-dom of hea - ven to all be - liev - ers.

10. You are seat - ed at God's right hand in glo - ry.

II
We be - lieve that you will come and be our judge.

All
11. Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of your

own blood, 12. and bring us with your saints to glo-ry ev - er-last - ing.

MATTHEW 13:31-33,44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

*Reader
People*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

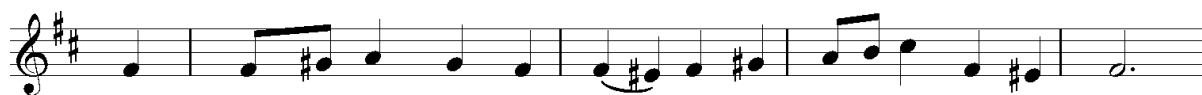




1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
 2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
 3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be - gins to rise,



he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo-ple peace.____
 the pro-phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.____
 O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.____

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SERMON

THE RT. REV. ANDREW D. SMITH (8:00 A.M.)

THE REV. DR. FRANK G. KIRKPATRICK (10:00 A.M.)

Silence for reflection.

Officiant Let us affirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP p. 96

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
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.
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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Silence

All 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.

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit

All **Amen.**

Officiant O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Officiant Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Officiant Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the pursuit of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MESSAGE – Steve Zhitnik

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
 2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
 3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
 he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
 the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
 the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
 but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain
 All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt. Music: *Wir pflugen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)

Prayers of the People Form IV

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

The People's response is **Hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for all those who are ill from the coronavirus, and all those on our parish prayer list.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Jill Barrett; those who have died from the coronavirus; and those who have died from police violence; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Officiant Let us join together in the words of the General Thanksgiving.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

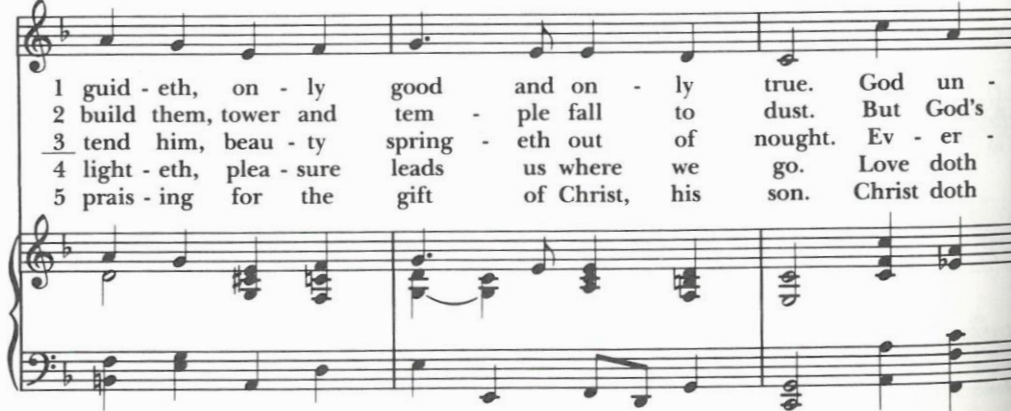
All Amen.



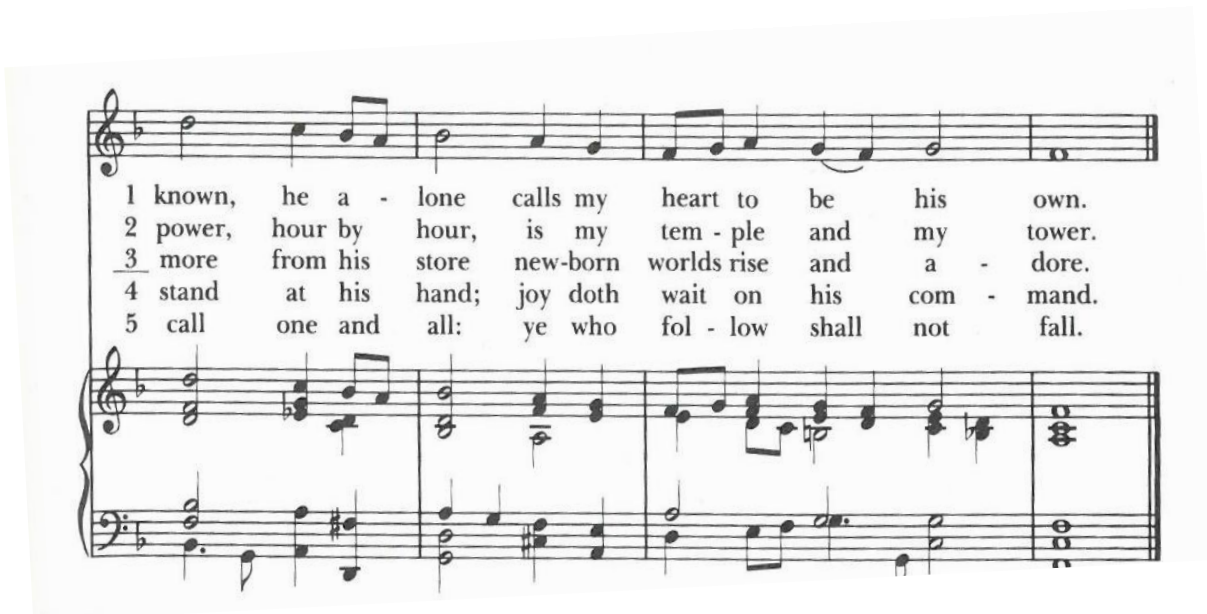
1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
 4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ORGAN: *Fugue in a*, BWV 543b

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR WORSHIP AS A GATHERED COMMUNITY IS OVER.

OUR WORSHIP, THROUGH SERVICE TO THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE, BEGINS ANEW.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING +

Officiants

The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith – 8:00 AM Service
The Rev. Frank Kirkpatrick – 10:00 AM Service

Readers

Kate Byroade (8:00 A.M.)
Roy McAlpine (10:00 A.M.)
Jake Troiano (10:00 A.M.)

Intercessor

Kate Byroade (8:00 A.M.)
George Chien (10:00 A.M.)

Church Musician

Jackson Merrill

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau
Jake Troiano

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Farewell to Jackson Merrill – TODAY! Sunday, July 26th

You are invited to stay for the masked and socially distanced farewell to Jack and Allison Merrill led by our own Tom Oberholtzer following today's 8 a.m. service in the Memorial Garden, and a Zoom farewell after the 10 a.m. service.

It's still not too late if you would like to contribute to a gift for Jack and Allison. Please send your check to the church office, noting "Jack Merrill gift" in the memo line. Please join us to give our thanks to Jack and wish him Godspeed.



Dear Trinity Family:

It has been such unique and formative experience to serve as Organist and Director of Music Ministries at Trinity Church. I have been blessed by my work with the choristers, the Trinity Choir, Trinity Academy, and the clergy. I reflect often on the many beautiful liturgies and musical offerings we have created together and will hold those memories in my heart.

Allison and I are grateful for your warm welcome in 2017 and your good wishes now as we leave for our next adventure. We have made several friendships while at Trinity that are sure to last our whole lives. We will keep all of you in our prayers and hearts wherever we go.

Love,
Jack and Allison

LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Marc Wiest, Gayle Wilcox and Janet Wilkinson.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Roxbury; St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon; parish office volunteers; curates; seminary interns; parish assistants and associates; and missional curacies.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now – please pray for them as they consider the implications of its postponement in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We pray for 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; Jim Register; Carolyn Rogers; Jo-Ann Sadosky; Al Shuckra; Diane, Helen Strassner; Lindsey Tengtanga; Alice Turcotte; Chris Weber; Richard Green (brother of Peter Green), Donald Bowens (Dianne Bowens-Waller), Joseph Negrelli Jr. and his family, Alan and Elena Rice, Bill McMunn and Richard Alan Garver, Diane Bowens-Waller, Bruce and Jane Tatge (parents of Anne Green), Polly Thomas, Rebecca Bourret, Peter Vreeland, Mark, Maritza, Amy Williams, Ken Rousseau (Casey Rousseau's dad), and Diana Perkins (friend of Suzanne and Boo) 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 especially David Barrett and family, and the Callan family.

We pray for all who have died, especially Jill Barrett, and Christopher Callan, 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.

Transition to Eternal Life

Jill Barrett, beloved member of our parish, departed from this life on July 22, 2020.

We extend sympathy to the Barrett family and pray for the repose of Jill's soul, now in the nearer presence of our Lord.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jill's family and all who knew and loved her. Together with them we mourn her death and give thanks for her life among us.

A link to Jill's obituary is [here](#). A special service to honor Jill will be held at a later date at the boathouse at Riverfront Recapture. A private prayer service will be held on Sunday, July 26, at 1 p.m. and live streamed.

Father of all, we pray to you for Jill, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

INTRODUCING TRINITY'S NEW RECTOR Dorothella Littlepage



On July 1, 2020, Trinity's Vestry voted unanimously to call the Rev. Dorothella Littlepage to be Trinity's thirteenth rector. She accepted the call, and will begin her ministry among us on September 14, 2020.

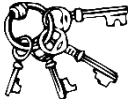
"Dee," as she is called, is joining Trinity after having served for five years as the Director of Roxbury-Dorchester Power in Community, a collective founded by three Episcopal Parishes and the Diocese of Massachusetts. Prior to this role, she served for four years as a Priest in Urban Episcopal Congregations in the Greater Boston Area.

When asked to give a four-word summary of what God is calling her to do she said, "magnify holiness on margins." Her journey to this ministry has been formed by, among other communities, Virginia Theological Seminary where she earned a Master of Divinity degree, and Spelman College where she earned a B.A. and B.S.

Dee is blessed to journey through life with her wife Kristen and their dog Caleb. They will be moving to the greater Hartford area later this summer.

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The Warden's Corner

A few weeks ago, we had a Sunday Forum after our 10 a.m. Zoom service, on the topic of Racism and its effects on our lives. There was no presenter, and the only agenda was for us to listen to one another. Several people spoke of the pain they experience when they realize that their family members, their own children, their friends are at risk of being targeted and harmed every time they leave the safety of home. Others expressed the belief that radical change is needed in the way police work in this country, in order for anything to get better here for people of color. A list of books and articles was compiled during the discussion, for those who would like to deepen their understanding of the lived experience of racism. It was a powerful hour of sharing, supporting, loving, and weeping together about the second deadly pandemic, racism.

Your Vestry is determined to keep Trinity working on racism. We recognize that the racism in our society is not a problem that can be fixed in a short time; it will require a long-term commitment to gain understanding, identify areas where we can effect change, and do the work individually and as a parish that will make change happen.

On Tuesday, the Vestry authorized formation of a Task Force on Racial Justice. The first job of the Task Force is to explore more fully what resources ECCT offers through its *Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation* initiative, which was declared by the 2018 ECCT Convention. Those resources and others will guide the definition of next steps.

If you feel the Holy Spirit tapping you on the shoulder, maybe it's because this effort needs your input! We will be expanding the task force in the next few months, as well as welcoming guidance from our new Rector, Rev. Dee Littlepage, when she arrives in mid-September. Stay tuned for more information!

The Search Committee for our new Director of Music Ministries has had its kickoff meeting. This search, like everything else these days, is made more complicated by COVID-19. The committee has an ambitious schedule of meetings and interviews, and hopes to be ready to hold final interviews and organ auditions shortly after Rev. Dee arrives. Please keep them in your prayers as they do this important and demanding work. The members of the committee are Linda MacGougan, chair, Enid Oberholtzer, Susan Post, George Chien, Leslyn Clark, Walton Brown Foster, Boo Morton, and Jane Mogor.

Martha Freimuth and Tom Oberholtzer
Wardens

Do you have a bicycle to donate?



Diaa Albunni, the youngest member of Trinity's Syrian refugee family, is in need of a bicycle. Now 13 years old, he has outgrown the bicycle originally donated to him by a kind parishioner. We are looking now for a 24-inch bike. If you have one, used but in good shape, that you can donate for Diaa, please call Anne Rapkin at a.rapkin@snet.net or 860-521-5992.

Assistance available to apply for food benefits and Husky medical benefits

With the end this week of the \$600 federal weekly unemployment compensation pandemic supplement, more and more people are in need of assistance to buy food or pay their health insurance premiums. If you would like to have assistance filing an application for food benefits or Husky, please call Anne Rapkin at a.rapkin@snet.net or 860-521-5992. You and I will be on the telephone together as I complete your on-line application form. If the benefits agency requests a phone interview, I can be present on speaker phone to help you answer the interviewer's questions.



For all Trinity parishioners:

Learn how to assist others in completing benefits application

It is anticipated that, unless Congress promptly renews the weekly unemployment compensation pandemic supplement, there will be even greater need for food and medical assistance among our community's households. Therefore, I invite everyone in the parish to join me for a "Zoomed" training session on how to help members of our parish complete on-line application forms. Completing an on-line application can be (though is not always) time-consuming, but it is not difficult.

I will prepare this training session if people want to participate in it. Therefore, if you are would like to participate, please let me know ASAP by phone or e-mail, at the number/address noted above. *This is important work*, and I hope very much that you will want to join in.

Anne Rapkin

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 26th – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer – Memorial Garden

Farewell to Jackson and Allison Merrill

10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer– via Zoom

Monday, July 27th

Tuesday, July 28th

9:00 A.M. Memorial Garden open till 11:00 am

5:15 P.M. Bible Study – via Zoom

Wednesday, July 29th

7:00 P.M. Campus Re-gathering Task Force – via Zoom

Thursday, July 30th

9:00 A.M. Memorial Garden open till 11:00 am

12:00 Noon Noonday Prayer – via Zoom

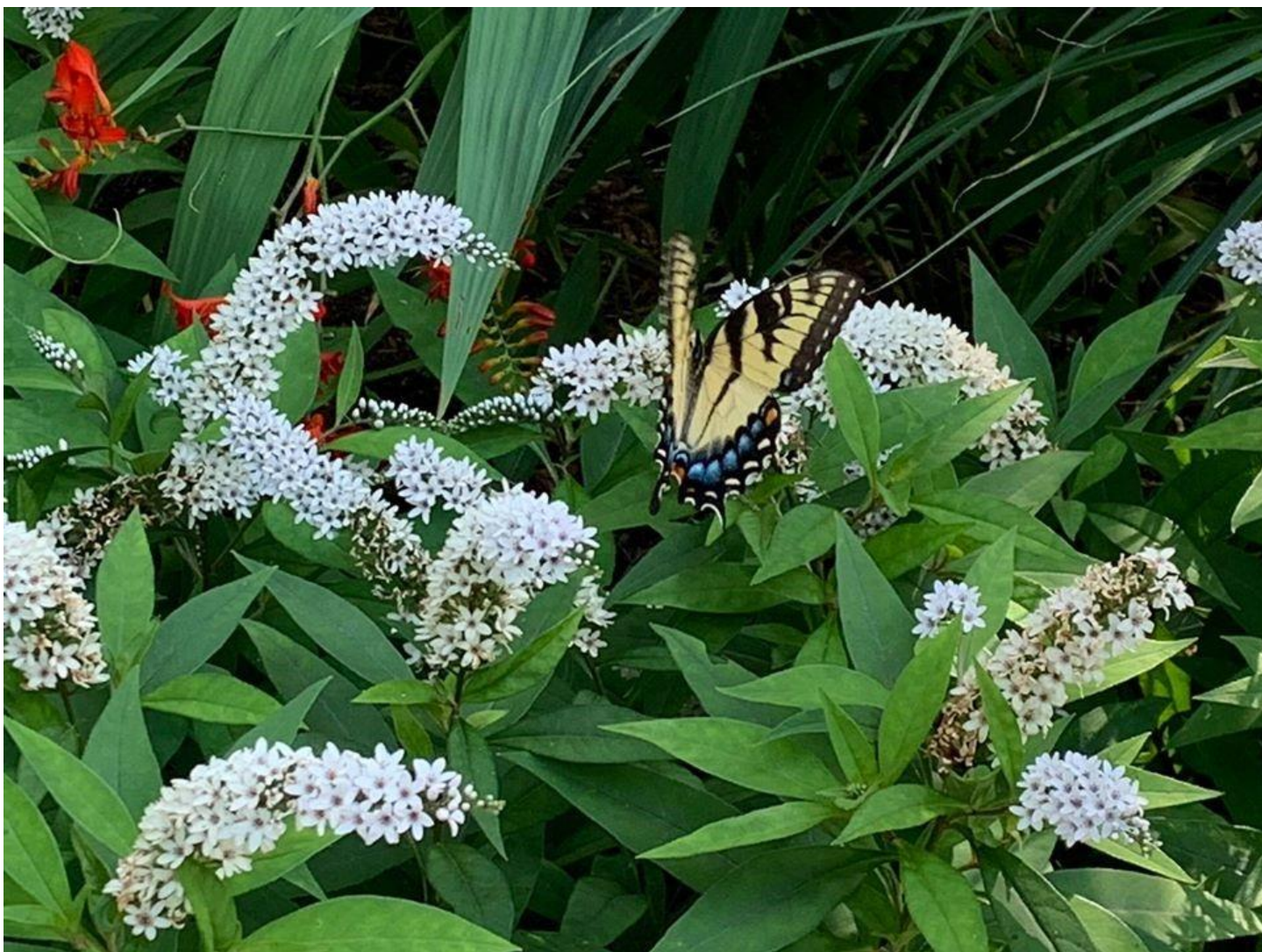
Friday, July 31st

Saturday, August 1st

Sunday, August 2nd – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer – Memorial Garden

10:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer via Zoom



Pollinator Garden, Picture by Anne Green

Jackson Merrill, *Director of Music Ministries*
Fran Times-Mack, *Parish Financial Manager*
Vincent J. Pacileo, *Property Manager*
Barbara Roos, *Assistant to the Rector*
Patrick Reid, *Capital Campaign Administrator*
The Rev. George A. Chien, (UMC, MCC), *Associate for Digital Ministries*

Clement Mogor and Kate Rousseau,
*Church School Coordinators**
Katherine Wilson, *Newsletter Editor (The Voice)**
Liz Kirkpatrick, *Archivist**

Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick*
The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith*
The Rev. C. Jon Widing*
The Rev. William J. Eakins, **Rector Emeritus*

Ministry Quadrant Leaders*

Peter Green, *Worship*
Lily Miller, *Outreach*
Clement Mogor, *Christian Formation*
Anne Rapkin, *Parish Care*

Vestry*

Martha Freimuth, P. Thomas Oberholtzer, *Wardens*
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Catherine Rowe, Althea Francis
Marsha McCurdy, Heather Kramer

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