

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 8, 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

10:00 A.M.

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

WELCOME

If you are new to Trinity, we hope you will introduce yourself and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the fireplace.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not printed in the leaflet can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand, if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's tradition, for prayer.

NAMETAGS

We are delighted to welcome you at Trinity. To make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, please use the stickers and markers available at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of reusable nametags. We will make every effort to have your nametag ready for you on the following Sunday.

KIDS IN CHURCH

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Private intercessory prayer is available with members of our Intercessory Prayer Team in the side aisle while Communion is being distributed at the service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayer requests that will be prayed over for the next month.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Our church offers assistive listening devices for individuals with hearing difficulties. These devices allow them to receive amplified sound directly through their compatible hearing aids. If you need assistance using an assistive listening device, please see a church usher.

PRELUDE

Larghetto, from the Voluntary in G minor, Op. 6, No. 9

Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Thy Strong Word did Cleave the Darkness

1982 Hymnal #381

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

1982 Hymnal #S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

[If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

PSALM 112:1-10 *Beatus vir*

BCP P. 755



1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who / fear the / Lord *
and have great de/light in / his com/mandments!

2 Their descendants will be / mighty in the / land; *
the generation of the / upright / will be / blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will / be in their / house, *
and their / righteousness will / last for / ever.

4 Light shines in the / darkness for the / upright; *
the righteous are / merciful and / full of com/passion.

5 It is good for them to be / generous in / lending *
and to / manage their af/fairs with / justice.

6 For they will / never be / shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in / ever/lasting re/membrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any / evil / rumors; *
their heart is right;
they / put their / trust in the / Lord.

8 Their heart is established and / will not / shrink, *
until they see their de/sire up/on their / enemies.

9 They have given / freely to the / poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will / hold up their / head with / honor.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and / pine a/way; *
the de/sires of the / wicked will / perish.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

1982 Hymnal #505

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

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Wright

Choral Meditation:

God Be in My Head - Lytlington
(Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1875-1947)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.

Silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

From Enriching Our Worship*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM V

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy" (or "Kyrie eleison").

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Jeff and Laura our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

A PRAYER OF SELF-DEDICATION

BCP P. 832

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to *thee*, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly *thine*, utterly dedicated unto *thee*; and then use us, we pray *thee*, as *thou wilt*, and always to *thy* glory and the welfare of *thy* people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

Gracious and loving God, guide the Vestry and people of Trinity through this time of transition and discernment. We pray that your Holy Spirit continues to open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, so that we may follow where you lead – knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way.

Instill in all the people of Trinity a glorious vision of the future; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we may gladly accomplish the mission to which you are calling us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

– Adapted from Christ Church, Winnetka, IL

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with the absolution:

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

THE PEACE

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

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.
Please be seated.*

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY MOTET

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657 - 1743)

Latin Text

*Cantate Domino canticum novum;
laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.*

English Translation

Sing to the LORD a new song;
let his praise be sung in the congregation of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

1982 Hymnal #S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the vocal line, with lyrics written below them. The bottom two staves are for the piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant We now pray in the language of our hearts, as our Savior Christ has taught us,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

1982 Hymnal #S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." and "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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. Please remember that if you do not wish to receive wine, receiving only Bread imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM : Fairest Lord Jesus Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)
 Text may be found in the 1982 Hymnal #383

Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the One, Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Traditional Spiritual arr. Lloyd Larson

**Please Welcome The Rev. Dr. Nancy Wright**

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Wright is a Lutheran pastor and teacher. Most recently, she served as Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church in S. Burlington, VT, for sixteen years before moving to Seabury Life Community in Bloomfield, CT, in July 2023.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Nancy Wright

Director of Music: Markus Centola

Lay Readers: Amy Arlin, Janet Wilkinson

Intercessory Prayer Team: Kitty Peterson

Intercessor: Martha Freimuth

Minister of Communion:

Godly Play: Nancy Crandall, Jannel Thomas

Ushers: Neill Derick, William A. Kofalk, Sonia Watson, Marc Wiest, Dianne Bowens-Waller

Virtual Vergers: Mark MacGougan, Casey Rousseau, Elizabeth Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Altar Guild: Marcus Clark, Kitty Peterson, Mary Register, Cathy Rowe, Cecelia Timothy

Flower Guild: Percy Williamson

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Nancy Crandall & Bruce Wazorko, Loisa Cummings and .Neill Derick

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Church musicians: organists; choirs & choir directors; bands; community chorister programs; parish & diocesan committees on liturgy, music & worship

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for. Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

We pray for:

Rev. Horace Johnson, Jacqueline
Lucier and Family
Kay Brinkman and Keira Negrelli
John E. Robinson
Rose Julianne Boyer & Family
Austin Mogor
Mike Amanek
Edith Navarro
Suliman Foster

Jasmine Drake
Louisa Cummings
Clane Nickols
Irina Mamata & Family
Charles Lewis
Bowens Family
Cathy Rowe and Family
of Daniel Negrelli esp. Karen &
Keira

Francis Sken
George Beach
Cheryl
Lennox
The Lugo and Torres Families
Daryl Todd
The Wentgertzman Family
The Swiatek Family
Bp. Michael Curry

Episcopal Bingo - Today!

Come, have fun, and compete for fabulous prizes at a special "Episcopal Bingo" event that will be held in Goodwin Hall following the service this morning. The event will be hosted by Mark MacGougan.

"Episcopal Bingo is a little different from regular Bingo," Mark says. "People might need to help each other a bit. But, like regular Bingo, it's appropriate for young and old, and anyone can win!"

On-line Invitation for Saturday, February 14, 2026

You are invited to join the Companions of the Holy Cross for a virtual meeting on "Spiritual Practices in the Second Half of Life." The program will be on Zoom from 10 AM to Noon on February 14, 2026.

It will consist of a presentation, a facilitated small group discussion in a breakout room, followed by a review of responses in the larger groups. You are welcome to stay and participate in our intercessory prayers after the presentation if you wish. A Zoom link will be sent to you after contacting me at kate48smith@comcast.net

More specifically: our time together will include gathering and welcome; opening presentation with prayer(20 minutes), small group discussions each with a different question which build on each other(20 minutes), a facilitator(pre-chosen) will report back with a summary(40 minutes), and then discussion by all(10 minutes). All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

February 15, 2026

Adult Christian Formation BIBLE STUDY

Please plan to join us for this month's informal discussion of the Bible readings of the day, led by Rev. George Chien. Those who have attended find these relaxed conversations help them think more deeply about the day's lessons. We hear the same readings year after year. Exploring the lessons with other people often sheds new light on what we thought was an old story. Give yourself a spiritual gift - join us for Bible Study after the service on February 15.

Indoor Winter Workday Planned For Presidents' Day

Monday, February 16th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Your help is needed! No tools are necessary. There's no sign-up. Come stay as long as you are able. Enjoy fellowship along with coffee and donuts. Questions? Speak to Vinnie Pacileo or contact him at vpacileo@trinityhartford.org or at 860-212-5856.

Trinity's Book Group

Trinity's Book Group's featured work in March is *Heartwood* by local author, Amity Gaige. Described as a "literary thriller", *Heartwood* takes you on a gripping journey as search and rescue teams race against time after a woman mysteriously disappears on the Appalachian Trail. You are invited to join with other Trinity readers for a discussion of this book on Friday, **March 6th**, 7:00-8:30ish. Martha Freimuth will host this meeting at her home in Manchester. Please let her know you're coming by calling/texting her at (860) 605-0703. All are welcome!

Year- End Giving Statements

2025 Giving Statements for the full year ending December 31 have been mailed.

If you haven't received your statement or have questions, contact Mary Rojas at office@trinityhartford.org or 860-527-8133 ext. 204.

A Message from The Choir School

We at Trinity are blessed each week with wonderful music, on the organ, piano, and with the choirs - the adults and the young choristers. The choristers are singing here at Trinity because of The Choir School of Hartford's presence with us. Although Trinity launched this program, the Choir School is now its own non-profit organization. Although Trinity supports this program financially by paying most of the Director's salary, and with a portion of its music budget, that is not sufficient for the successful operations of the Choir School. The Choir School relies on other sources of income, such as grants, as well as donations from individuals. **Please consider a gift to the Choir School. Any amount is appreciated - truly. When we request grant money from organizations, our application is stronger when we can show that we have broad support; the number of donors is as important as the amount of money.**

Donations may be made by check made out to The Choir School of Hartford and sent to the church office or given to Markus, Jake Troiano, or Susan Post. Or you may donate online at <https://choirschoolofhartford.org/donate/>.

Pledging Welcome in 2026

Please know that pledges of financial support are always welcome. Pledge packets are available on the table between Goodwin Hall and the sanctuary, or you may contact Parish Administrator Mary Rojas at 860-527-8133 x 204 to be sent a pledge card. You may return your pledge card in the offering plates, or mail it to the church. You may also make your pledge directly on our website: www.trinityhartford.org/giving/.

The New Trinity Church Parish Directory Is Here!

An updated version of our Parish Directory is complete, and printed copies are available in Goodwin Hall next to the service bulletins. Thanks to all of you who provided your review and input! If you wish to follow-up on any of the information in the directory, please contact Penny Pearson, 860-243-0020 or pennypearson@comcast.net.

The directory is generated from information in our Realm record keeping system. If you have not previously created an account in Realm – which allows you to view and update your personal profile and access other information – and would like to, please contact our Parish Administrator, Mary Rojas, 860-527-8133 x 204 or office@trinityhartford.org, and she will generate a Realm electronic invitation to you.

Godly Play: A typical Sunday in our Godly Play Sacred Space

9:45 Doors open, welcoming

10:00 Church calendar

Story: a parable, story from the Old Testament, New Testament, Saint or people of color who inspire, or a Liturgical story.

10:15 Feast; a time to share and have a small snack

10:20 Work time with choice of a craft, paints, clay, puzzles, working with one of the stories

10:40 Gathering to pass the peace, then rejoining our families in the sanctuary

We have a lively multi-aged class welcoming all children ages 3 - 18 with two adults leading.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 8

- 9:45 A.M. Godly Play (Academic Wing)
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Church) - The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
- 11:30 A.M. Episcopal Bingo (Goodwin Hall)
- 6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Tuesday, February 10

- 6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 12

- 6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, February 15

- 9:45 A.M. Godly Play (Academic Wing)
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Church) - Last Sunday after Epiphany
- 11:30 A.M. Bible Study
- 6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Trinity Office Staff

Markus Centola, Director of Music * Vinnie Pacileo, Facilities Manager
Mary Rojas, Parish Administrator * Tom Villano, Finance Manager

Vestry of Trinity Church

Kate Byroade, Warden
Alan Rice, Warden
Cathy Rowe, Clerk
Peter Green, Treasurer
Jake Troiano, Assistant Treasurer
Amy Arlin * Penny Pearson *
* John Robinson* Kathie Wilson* Paul Zimmerman



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