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A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

ORGAN: *Praeludium in e, 'Big'*

Nicolaus Bruhns

WELCOME

HYMN: No. 488 Be thou my vision

Slane

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

People 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.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant Let us pray.
 Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 13

Stephen Elvey



- 1 How long, O LORD? 1
 will you for/get me for / ever? *
 how / long will you / hide your / face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, 1
 and grief in my heart, / day after / day? *
 how long shall my / enemy / tri-umph / over me?



- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O / LORD my / God; *
give light to my / eyes, lest I / sleep in / death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, “I have pre/vailed/ over him,” *
and my foes re/joyce that / I have / fallen.
- 5 But I put my / trust in your / mercy; *
my heart is joyful be/cause of your / saving / help.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has / dealt with me / richly; *
I will praise the / Name of the / Lord Most / High.

EPISTLE ROMANS 6: 12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10: 40-42

Celebrant
People

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

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Celebrant
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Silence for reflection.

THE NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

Prayers of the People Form II

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishops Ian and Laura ; for this gathering; and for all
ministers and people. For the candidates for the position of Rector at Trinity Church and
the Vestry as they engage in the process of discernment leading to the call of a new
ordained leader.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for Donald, our President; Ned, our governor; for all governors and local leaders, for legislative assemblies and courts of law. We pray for all who live and work in the communities of Central Connecticut, and every community, especially first responders, nurses, doctors, health assistants of every kind, food service workers, delivery people and cleaning staff, those who fulfill online orders and all those on the front lines in the struggle for health and safety during this pandemic. Pray for justice, healing and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for all those who are ill from the coronavirus, and all those on our parish prayer list. We pray for those who feel isolated, lonely and afraid. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those who have died from the coronavirus, and for George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks and all those who have died from police violence. Pray for those who have died.

Leader

During this pandemic time, COVID-19 reveals anew the consequences of racial injustice through the disproportionate illness and death among marginalized people. At the same time, the senseless violence against people of color continues to reveal the racism plaguing our nation.

In hope that the arc of history bends toward justice, we lift up our prayers for racial healing, saying: **Bind us together, O God of love.**

Leader

For the Church, that its prophetic voice may proclaim to all the challenge to break the hopeless cycles of poverty, ignorance, prejudice, and despair which degrade the sacred dignity of humankind, we pray:

People

Bind us together, O God of love.

Leader

For our country, that we might celebrate our racial diversity and the distinctive and rich contributions of every fiber of our cultural fabric, we pray:

People

Bind us together, O God of love.

Leader

For wise and decisive action on the part of local and national leaders, that the scandal of racism may be eradicated from our society, we pray:

People

Bind us together, O God of love.

Leader

For an end to the subtle racism of economic oppression which permeates our society's structures and resides in many hearts, we pray:

People

Bind us together, O God of love.

Leader For our faith communities, that they may not succumb to indifference or accept the status quo, but press on for fundamental change, we pray:

People **Bind us together, O God of love.**

Leader For the victims of racial discrimination, that they may be filled with hope for a more just future, healing from wounds received, courage to advocate for change and for peace, and the grace to overcome hatred with love, we pray:

People **Bind us together, O God of love.**

Leader For those who work for racial justice, that they may be sustained in hope, empowered with courage, and filled with the grace to persevere in love, we pray:

People **Bind us together, O God of love.**

Leader Let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Pause for Silence

Leader We give thanks for the technology which allows us to gather as a community while we must, out of love, be physically apart.

Leader Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through the Spirit of the risen Christ.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

ABSOLUTION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MESSAGE –

HYMN: No. 671 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

New Britain

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear, the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always 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 him thanks and praise.

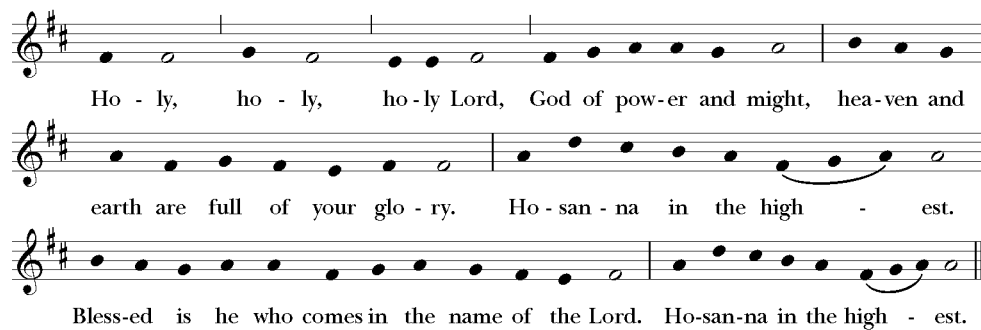
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 S 124

Hurd



Celebrant 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,

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

Celebrant 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 your sons and daughters; 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.

All AMEN.

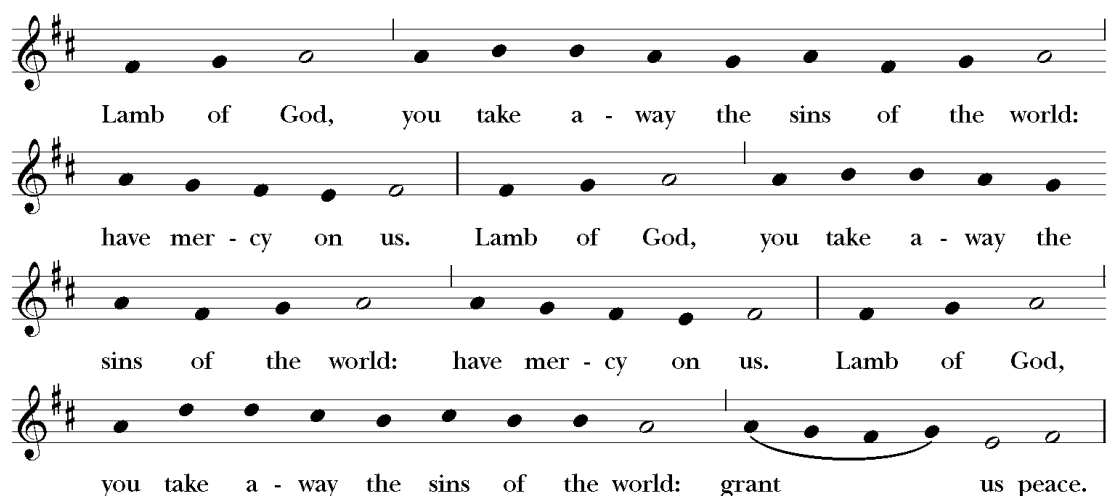
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant 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 for ever. Amen.

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



All: In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live and die in your love. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 through your Word and presence.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A LITURGY OF FAREWELL

Warden: O God, you have bound us together for a time as Interim rector and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in this time now past.

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us. We thank you for offering us your forgiveness and mercy.

Silence

Especially we thank you for your presence with us through this time, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have gained.

Silence

We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Representative of the Congregation: Our worshipping family is constantly changing. Loved ones come and go in our community's life. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage... of endings and beginnings. Today we share the time of farewell with the Rev. Norman MacLeod, whose term as our Interim Rector is ending.

Norman: Today I thank the people of Trinity, its Wardens and Vestry, its staff, its parishioners and its friends for the love, the kindness and the support shown to me and to Elizabeth during this past nine months. I ask for your understanding and forgiveness for mistakes I may have made and for expectations which have been unmet. I am grateful to God that so many here have graciously accepted my leadership. With sadness I remember those things not accomplished. With joy I recall the things we have been able to accomplish together in this short time. As I leave, I carry with me good memories of the extraordinary people who are the members and staff of Trinity and of the remarkable experiences we shared together.

Representative of the Congregation: We receive your thankfulness, and we offer our genuine forgiveness for any things left undone, and our heartfelt thanks for all accomplishments in our mission and ministry. We now acknowledge your departure from this ministry and we accept that you now leave us as our Interim Priest-in-Charge. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We will remember you and the influence you had in our lives even though you are leaving us as our Interim and Pastor.

Norman: Thank you! May our time together, and our parting, be pleasing to our loving God and to the Risen Christ we are called to serve.

Representative of the Congregation: Do you, the members and friends of Trinity, now release the Reverend Norman MacLeod as your Interim Priest-in-Charge? Do you offer your encouragement and support to him in the next step in his journey as a retired priest in the Church of God?

People: We do, with God's help.

Vestry Representative: Do you, Norman, release the people of Trinity from their pastoral relationship with you?

Norman: I do, with God's help.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: O God, whose everlasting love for us all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time when we were together here in your name saw our laughter, our tears, our hopes and our disappointments. Guide us as we hold these memories, but help us now also to move in new directions, until that time comes when we are completely one with you, and with each other. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Leader: Norman, we wish you joy on your journey as you begin again retirement, surrounded by our love and by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We send you into the world in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE BLESSING

HYMN No. 564 He who would valiant be

St. Dustan

1 He who would val - iant be 'gainst all dis - as - ter,
2 Who so be - set him round with dis - mal sto - ries,
3 Since, Lord, thou dost de - fend us with thy Spi - rit,
let him in con - stan - cy fol - low the Mas - ter.
do but them - selves con - found, his strength the more is.
we know we at the end shall life in - her - it.
There's no dis - cour - age - ment shall make him once re - lent
No foes shall stay his might, though he with gi - ants fight;
Then fan - cies flee a - way; I'll fear not what men say,
his first a - vowed in - tent to be a pil - grim.
he will make good his right to be a pil - grim.
I'll la - bor night and day to be a pil - grim.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN: *Toccata* from *Symphonie* No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

**YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY WITH US FOR “COFFEE HOUR”
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ORGAN POSTLUDE.**

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. Norman M. MacLeod – **Celebrant and Preacher**

Readers

Walton Brown-Foster
Kevin Rennie

Intercessor

Roy McAlpine

Church Musician

Jackson Merrill

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau
Jake Troiano

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Pekah Wallace & Jay Nolan-Wallace; Sonia & Cassandra Watson; Timothy, Atis & Freya Watt, and Amity Gaige and the Vergers.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Grace Church, Old Saybrook; Good Shepherd, Orange; St. Peter's, Oxford; Summer chapels in Norfolk and Fenwick; summer outdoor worship services; Vacation Bible Schools, parish- based summer camp programs and mission trips.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Pray for the united Church of North India The Most Revd Dr Prem Chand Singh - Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Jabalpur.

We pray for Jennifer Stephens, Zechariah Stephens, Jo-Ellen Jansing, Percy Williamson, 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 Tengatenga; 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, Ronald Stahley (father of Pamela Haddad), 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, Nancy Crandall, 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 the Stahley and Haddad families.

We pray for all who have died, especially Brenda Stahley, 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

With great sorrow Trinity Church announces the death of Brenda Stahley, mother of Pamela Haddad, who entered into rest June 19, 2020.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Brenda's family and all who knew and loved her, especially her daughter, Pamela Haddad. Together with them we mourn her death and give thanks for her life among us.

The memorial service will be private.

Father of all, we pray to you for Brenda, 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

From the Interim



Dear members and friends of Trinity:

I have had the privilege of serving as your Interim Priest-in-Charge since September. This Sunday, June 28, will be my last day in that role. My departure coincides with an intense time for your Vestry as they interview candidates for the position of Rector. If all goes well, you will have new and settled clergy leadership by this coming September, if not before.

Your first-rate lay leadership and gifted paid staff will guide you through the summer months. The next Rector will find them to be superb partners in ministry. He or she will also find you, the congregation gathered in the name of the Trinity in Hartford, to be faithful, supportive and questing as together you seek to be Christ's presence in the world. During this time of national self-examination over our nation's racist roots, the COVID-19 pandemic and the reality of massive unemployment, the ministry you will share with your new Rector will be crucial in the life of Hartford, the greater region and beyond.

I thank you for welcoming my ministry among you. As Elizabeth and I move to Rhode Island, where I will take up retirement again, I will bring with me many warm memories. I thank God for the opportunity to be with you.

Many blessings,

Norman

STATEMENT FROM THE CHORISTERS

Dear friends of The Choir School of Hartford:



The murder of George Floyd was not an isolated event. Mr. Floyd was another unarmed black person whose life was taken by the police. Black people in America live in constant fear for their lives; this must end. The value of a black person's life must be brought to the value of a white person's life. 400 years of slavery, Jim Crow laws, segregation, and mass incarceration all abide in the systemic racism that plagues our country today. While we represent a full range of races and ethnic backgrounds, most of our choristers are black. For our safety, this is not an issue that can be neglected or forgotten. We must all come together to fight against white supremacy and to end racism. This will not happen overnight; however, the conversation must start now and never cease.

We leave you with a few words from the black national anthem, "Lift Every Voice And Sing." Until all of God's people can live everyday by its message, our fight is not over.

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
'Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Amen.

Dinaka
Head Chorister (2018-2020)

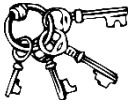
Kodi Jane
Head Chorister (2020-2021)
Prefect & Organ Scholar

Adrian
Head Boy

Celine
Prefect (2020-2021)

Margaret
Prefect

Jackson Merrill
Music Director



The Warden's Corner

TRINITY IS MOVING FORWARD!

The Task Force for Re-Gathering is moving us into the next phase as we begin the process of returning to our spiritual home at 120 Sigourney Street. The Memorial Garden has now been opened for two weeks at the regularly staffed hours of 9:00 am - 1100 am Tuesdays and Thursdays. This will continue through the summer, weather permitting.

Beginning Sunday, July 19th, our regular 8:00 Memorial Garden service will resume (weather permitting). This will be followed by our 10:00 Zoom service and the delightful virtual coffee hour afterward. This will continue throughout the summer.

On July 26th the 8:00 service will be enhanced by open windows and organ support from Jackson Merrill. The service will be concluded by a postlude at which point parishioners may elect to go into the Nave to listen to the postlude, all the while maintaining appropriate social distancing. The 10:00 Zoom service will proceed as usual, except that Jackson will be at the console throughout the service, with a computer dedicated to him!

The Trinity Office will continue to operate under the prudent guidance of Barbara Roos. Following the protocols of many offices, much of the work is being accomplished remotely. The office itself is open to staff and volunteers only on a pre-arranged schedule. All other visits to the campus are to be cleared in advance through Barbara.

We are assessing the needs of the 12 Step Programs whose very existence has been dependent on our hospitality, and exploring ways in which these may be re-incorporated into our life in a safe and secure way.

We're moving forward in another important way too: this weekend, the Vestry is conducting final interviews with candidates to be our next Rector. Stay tuned - we expect to have good news to share in the next few weeks!

Faithfully,
Martha Freimuth and Tom Oberholtzer, *Wardens*

Worship In the Garden – July 19th

8 AM In-Person Spoken Morning Prayer



In the next step of our phased re-gathering of the congregation at the Campus of Trinity Church, in-person worship will begin again, weather permitting, on Sunday, July 19th, at 8 AM in the Memorial Garden, and continuing on the following Sundays.

Social distancing will be practiced. Masks will be required of all participants. If you cannot or will not wear a face covering, you are welcome as always to join our Zoom service on-line at 10 AM. All participants are asked to enter through the Garden Gate on Sigourney St., just north of the Bell Tower. The church buildings will not be open. In the event of rain, the service will be cancelled. Any cancellation will be announced through email and posted on the church website.

Following the guidance of our CT government and bishops, and the best available guidance from the CDC and from national church music organizations, there will be no singing. Morning Prayer is, of course, a non-eucharistic service. There will be no passing of the peace, or personal greetings before or after the service. People who do not share a residence will be seated six feet apart.

These restrictions are put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Many have expressed a deep desire to gather with friends in this sacred place, even under these conditions. Others have expressed an unwillingness to return to in-person worship even with these precautions.

Our process of regathering continues. It is our hope as summer turns to fall, as a new rector eventually joins us, and, God willing, as the number of cases of Covid-19 continue to decline, to be able to hold weekly services in the Nave, with live-streaming and Zoom options available to those who need or prefer them. But we'll begin next month with this small yet momentous step.

Please keep the date and time in mind. Whether you plan to join us in person or not, the congregation and its worship leaders ask your prayers and support. And we thank you for your patience, your kindness, and your faithfulness in these unprecedented times.

Trinity Garden Bee House!!

We now have a bee house in the Memorial Garden at Trinity. It will help support the pollinator project in the Asylum St. area. This was a gift from Jim and Heather Kramer. Jim builds these houses and hotels as well as bat houses. Thank you to Jim and Heather!



Visit the Trinity Memorial Garden



With deep appreciation for Enid Oberholtzer and Erica Weinstock and their team of volunteers, we are happy to announce the phased re-opening of Trinity's Memorial Garden.

Beginning this Tuesday, June 16, from 9 through 11 AM, and continuing at those hours each Tuesday and Thursday (weather permitting), Enid and Erica will open the garden gate on Sigourney Street. Members and friends of Trinity and our Asylum Hill neighbors are welcome to enjoy the beauty and peace of the garden, its flowers, its fountain, and its labyrinth. All visitors are expected to wear masks (one will be provided if you forget yours!) and maintain proper social distancing.

This is the beginning of our slow and careful re-opening of the Trinity Church campus. At the point only the garden may be accessed, and only from Sigourney Street, and only at the stated hours. The memorial garden is being made available as a blessing to all and as a sign of hope for better days to come.

What Matters to Trinity Academy



Each morning, Trinity starts its school day with the 40 bright and happy faces of our amazing students, either in person or virtually. They are the faces of hope and promise. Our mission is to help change the cycle of inner city poverty through intensive academics, enrichment, nurture, and empowerment. We share this mission with our local affiliated NativityMiguel middle schools, Grace Academy and Covenant Preparatory School. Together we work to ensure these values for our students and alums. So far, we have shown great success.

With the overwhelming majority of our students identifying as Black, the past month has caused all of us to question how ready our world is to allow our stars to go off into it and flourish. We have always seen our students going forward into a promising future, but understand that there continue to be systemic restrictions and biases. May this time of upheaval be a wake-up call to these devastating truths, and allow for real change to happen.

As Trinity Academy approaches its seventh year as an elementary school, we hold true to our mission and continue to educate our students in ways that will empower them, not silence them. Please help us continue to make the future that much brighter and promising for our students, and keep the positive momentum going in support of the BlackLivesMatter movement. Together, true change happens!



Sincerely,

Allison Bernhard
Principal

Donna Colliton
Executive Director - Administration & Development

We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Prayer Requests

Although we are not physically in the church, we can continue to take prayer requests and put them in our Sunday leaflet. Please contact Barbara Roos at office@trinityhartford.org with any names you would like added.

A Prayer for this time of Pandemic

We pray guided by the words of the Psalm 46:

Compassionate, Comforting, Empowering God, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Amid the turmoil in the world, your love is steadfast and your strength never fails.

We pray for those infected by COVID-19. We remember especially healthcare workers, first responders, persons in isolation and those who grieve the loss of their loved ones.

Your love is steadfast and your strength never fails.

Merciful God, grant order to the chaos of our racing minds and our pounding hearts. We remember especially those who are overwhelmed by the uncertainty, in particular those most vulnerable because of preexisting health conditions, and those who have lost, or will lose, their jobs.

Your love is steadfast and your strength never fails.

Compassionate God, grant courage and hope in the wake of this unprecedented path as we navigate and re-navigate our lives in this global crisis. We remember especially elected government officials, educational administrators, religious leaders and all policy-makers who are expected to offer decisive leadership in this time of crisis. We remember the medical scientists and researchers who are working assiduously to develop a vaccine or treatment.

Your love is steadfast and your strength never fails.

Empower us to be open to your unfolding purposes even as the waters around us roar and foam. Reassure us of your divine presence and peace with us, now and always.

Amen!

Prayer by Deonie Duncan, an ordained Baptist minister from Jamaica.

Please Wear Your Mask at Trinity Church



General Israel Putnam dons his mask at Bushnell Park
Shouldn't you do the same?

All visitors, friends, members, guests, and workers on the Trinity Campus or in any of our buildings are reminded to please cover their faces while at Trinity. While worship services are taking place virtually for the time being, the church office and buildings are staffed and work is proceeding on several fronts, indoors and out. For the health and safety of all, and in keeping with the guidance of our bishops and the state of Connecticut, we ask you to keep your mouth and nose covered while you are with us. While a simple cloth mask, scarf, bandana or what-have-you may not protect YOU from virus, it will definitely protect OTHERS from any contagion that you may unknowingly be carrying. Let's continue to love one another from a safe distance.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 28th – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 A.M. Spiritual Eucharist with hymns– via Zoom

Goodbye to Fr. Norman directly after service –

Monday, June 29th

Tuesday, June 30th

5:15 P.M. Bible Study – via Zoom

8:00 P.M. RSCM Course – via Zoom

Wednesday, July 1st

7:00 P.M. Vestry Meeting

Thursday, July 2nd

12:00 Noon Noonday Prayer – via Zoom

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

Friday, July 3rd

Saturday, July 4th (Fourth of July)

Sunday, July 5th – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 A.M. – via Zoom

The Rev. Norman M. MacLeod, *Interim Priest-in-Charge*
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, J. Alan Rice, *Wardens*
Kathleen Peterson, *Clerk*
Casey Rousseau, *Treasurer*,
Jake Troiano, *Assistant Treasurer*
Kevin Rennie, Kevin Chick
Katherine Wilson, Steven Zhitnik
Walton Brown-Foster
William Kofalk, Stephen Sirotko
Althea Francis
Thomas Oberholtzer, Leslyn Clark, Kate Steven

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The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Ph. D., *Bishop*
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