

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

MORNING PRAYER

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

8:00 A.M. VIA TELEPHONE

WELCOME

The Rev. D. Littlepage

Officiant Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

THE CONFESSION

BCP 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 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.

People Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips;
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All 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 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Please read in unison.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

PSALM 50:1-6

BCP 654

Please read responsively by verse.

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Please read in unison.

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

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

CANTICLE 11

The Third Song of Isaiah

BCP 87

Please read in unison.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
 and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
 For behold, darkness covers the land; *
 deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
 But over you the Lord will rise, *
 and his glory will appear upon you.
 Nations will stream to your light, *
 and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
 Your gates will always be open; *
 by day or night they will never be shut.
 They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
 The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
 Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
 ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

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

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 19 The Song of the Redeemed
Please read in unison.

BCP 94

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is

my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

SERMON

The Rev. George Chien, (UMC, UCC)

Silence for reflection.

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

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

BCP 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.

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

BCP 97

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People And grant us your salvation.

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 215

Officiant O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever..

All Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

BCP 815

Officiant O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

BCP 100

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

*At this time, you are invited to share your prayers either silently or aloud.
If you pray aloud, please end your prayer with "This is my prayer"
Everyone else should respond "This is our prayer."*

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

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

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.

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

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
All Amen.



+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. D. Littlepage – Officiant
The Rev. George Chien (UMC, MCC) - Preacher

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Marion Henderson, Tori Henry, Karen & Joe Hewes and Journey to Adulthood participants and leaders.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; St. John's, Essex; St. Paul's, Fairfield; The Union of Black Episcopalians CT and the Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

We pray for Kate Smith, Sam Hines and Yoleanna Russo, Juli Porter, Juhudi Mgombo, Nancy Crandall, Fred Margeson, Jennifer Stephens, Zechariah Stephens, Jo-Ellen Jansing, Katie Reynolds, Mavis Bennett; Ginny Catanzaro; Tori Henry; Louise Krippenstapel; Carlene Lewis; Judy Miller; Margaret Moore; Valentina Moore; Al Pereira; Jo-Ann Sadosky; Diane Bodine, Helen Strassner; Lindsey Tengtanga; Alice Turcotte; Jim Register, Richard Green (brother of Peter Green), Donald Bowens (Dianne Bowens-Waller), Joseph Negrelli Jr. and his family, Bill McMunn and Richard Alan Garver, Diane Bowens-Waller, Bruce and Jane Tatge (parents of Anne Green), Polly Thomas, Rebecca Bourret, Peter Vreeland, Amy Williams, Ken Rousseau (Casey Rousseau's dad), and Diana Perkins (friend of Suzanne and Boo), Jessica Compfer, Raldah Stephens, Joan and Ean Walsh (family of Jennifer Stephens) and those affected by mental and physical ailments, violence, natural disasters, and immigration and refugee policies, and their families; and for those who mourn for loved ones.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for the repose of the souls of homicide victims in our city of Hartford, and beyond. We pray for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. We pray for ourselves and for our departed loved ones, that rejoicing with them in God's kingdom where every tear is wiped away, we may as one family sing praise forever and ever.

Save the Date

Open Forum on Racism in Healthcare on Sunday, February 21 After the 10 AM Service

The COVID-19 pandemic provides a dramatic example of a longstanding problem in American society: racial disparities in health care. Many of us have a general sense that there are unfair differences by race in health care needs, availability, and outcomes.

But what are the facts? And what are the experiences of our friends and neighbors?

Please join us after the service on February 21 for a special forum on this important topic.

Members of the Trinity Community for Racial Justice will provide facts and figures about the nature and scale of this problem. There will also be an opportunity for participants to share their own lived experience in receiving and providing health care.

Ash Wednesday Services

trinityhartford.org

February 17
2021



Noon – 1:00 pm

Prayers & Ashes

Come when you can
Farmington Ave. Parking Lot

7:00 pm Full Liturgy

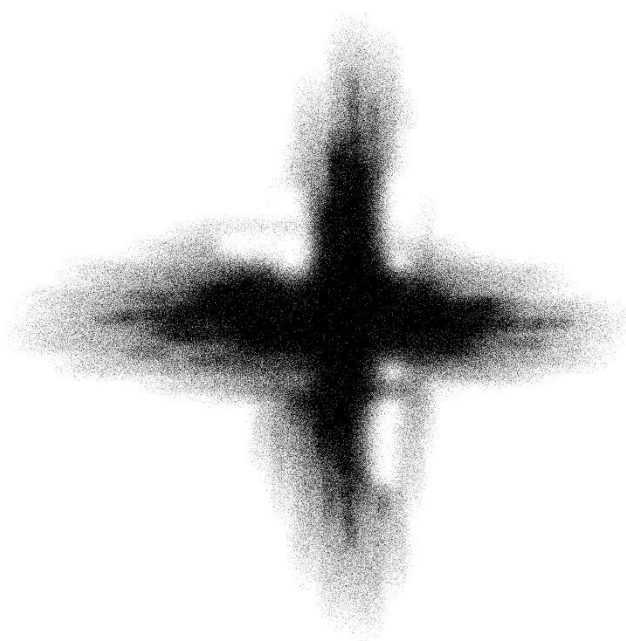
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Prayers for Ash Wednesday

You are invited to stop by the church office to pick up a packet to assist you with an Ash Wednesday home liturgy.

Although we hope that you can join us at noon for an in-person service on Wednesday, February 17, we also want to provide the opportunity for you to worship with your family.

Please stop by the office on Monday, February 15 between 12 pm and 2:00 pm or 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm, or Tuesday, February 16 between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm to pick up your materials.



Run For Refugees: January 30 – February 14, 2021



Kate and Drew Smith will again be participating in the annual (first-ever virtual) 5K Run for Refugees race sponsored by IRIS (Integrated Refugee Immigration Services.) They are planning to walk this year (Kate with poles) on the afternoon of February 7th. They've been practicing walking on their street!

The registration and fund raising for the annual 5k provides refugees and immigrants with vital services such as housing, healthcare, job placement, education, and much more. In 2020, IRIS worked with over 1,500 refugees and immigrants, including assisting Trinity in resettling our Syrian, Afghan and Congolese families.

This event is the main fundraiser for IRIS as they work diligently to help newcomers to our country. To support us, go to Kate's link: <https://runsignup.com/kateanddrew>

No amount is too small and the refugees at IRIS thank you!
Questions? Contact Kate Smith at Kate48smith@comcast.net or 860-519-1591

ROOTED IN HOPE IN A TIME OF ANXIETY:

Spiritual Nourishment and
Refreshment in the
Midst of Chronic Anxiety

Saturday, February 27, 2021 | 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
A day of learning, reflection and spiritual refreshment for laity



Rooted in Hope in a Time of Anxiety: A Day for Laity *Saturday, February 27 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*

Are you growing weary of life in “COVID-time?” Would you benefit from a Lenten Retreat?

Join our bishops and laity from across ECCT for a day of spiritual refreshment and learning. Living in the midst of chronic anxiety impacts all of us; our relationships with our children, spouses/partners, family, friends, colleagues, and faith communities. Together we will learn about the predictable ways humans react to chronic anxiety from [Dr. David Olsen](#), a nationally recognized expert on the impact of anxiety on families and churches. We will also explore patterns of behavior that can help alleviate stress and anxiety. Interspersed throughout the day our chaplains from the [Bethany House of Prayer](#) will offer opportunities for reflection, meditation, and prayer.

Note: This is a free event open to all laity in ECCT; [preregistration is required](#) in order to receive the Zoom link.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rooted-in-hope-in-a-time-of-anxiety-registration-138801179063>

NEEDED FOR TRINITY'S REFUGEE FAMILIES



Each year, VITAS, a service of the state Dept. of Revenue services, prepares without charge federal and state income tax returns of low-income taxpayers. However, due to the pandemic, VITAS is closed. Therefore, the Refugee Committee is looking for a parishioner who would be willing, via ZOOM, to help our Syrian and Afghani families prepare their tax returns. There are two filers in one family and one filer in the other. Their returns are simple, but they still need help at this point.

The family is also looking for a used CD player in good condition, for use with English language-learning CDs.

Please contact Anne Rapkin, a.rapkin@snet.net or 860-521-5992 if you are willing to help.



Cold Snaps Pipe.....

The cold snap we had a week and half ago resulted in a burst heating pipe in the education wing. Thanks to Vinnie Pacileo and Tom Oberholtzer, a restoration crew was on the scene in less than 2 hours. Remediation is underway and we expect the damaged rooms to be fully functional in about 4 – 6 weeks.
What a winter!



Vaccination Info: People 65 and older are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. More information about scheduling an appointment to receive the vaccine can be found here <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination---75-and-older>

CT Covid Vaccine Appointment Assist Line that can be accessed at 877-918-2224
M- F 8am-4:30pm.

TRINITY'S CASSEROLE MINISTRY

Trinity Church is not just a beautiful building; it is a community—a community that reaches out to help parishioners and their families in times of need, such as after surgery, during illness, when a new baby has arrived or a family member has died. Your Casserole Ministry is there to provide prepared meals when meal-preparation is hard to manage.

All of us experience times of hardship when a helping hand is welcome. If you are experiencing such a time and could use help with meals, please contact Anne Rapkin at a.rapkin@snet.net or 860-521-5992.



And if you receive a message asking you to participate in the Casserole Ministry, consider that call an opportunity to do Christ's will, by extending love to your sisters and brothers. 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' Mt 25:40



You are Invited --- Bible Study/Reflection Group – Tuesdays 5:15 pm -6:15 pm

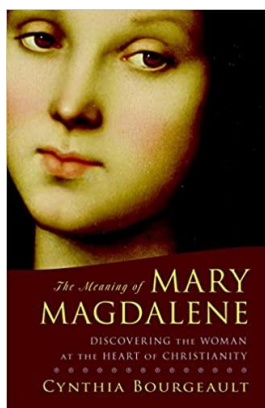
You are invited and welcome to join us. We are reading and reflecting on the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. Acts is written in the form of a history about the growth and change in the Church after Jesus' Resurrection. It's filled with stories about Peter and Paul and Dorcas and Lydia and many others.

No prior background or Bible study is required or necessary, just a willing heart and an open mind.

We meet on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82037586853>
Password: 1898

If you wish to participate, you can send your email address to Roy McAlpine. He will send you the Zoom URL and the reading for the session. Roy's email is rmcalpine@comcast.net, and cell is 860-338-4525.

BOOKS THAT FEED THE SPIRIT.....

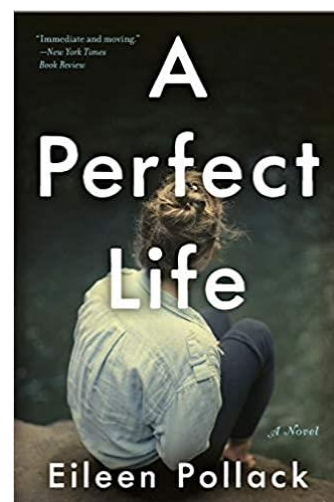


Women Together

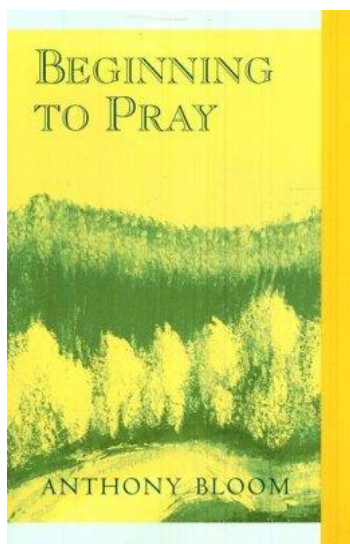
Women Together begins a 7-week series on February 16th with *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene*; Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity. The author is Episcopal priest, retreat leader and lecturer Cynthia Bourgeault. The Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schiori describes the book as "a remarkable invitation into the origins and wisdom of Christianity, through the apostolic witness of Mary Magdalene". Women from Trinity, St. Monica's, and St. John's currently participate in WT, and all are welcome to join, whether for this series alone, or longer. Meetings are weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays, from 2:00-3:15 pm. For more information, and to receive a link, please contact Heather Kramer (kramerheather1989@yahoo.com) or Enid Oberholtzer (tomenidjas@aol.com).

Trinity Book Group

"A Perfect Life: A Novel" by Eileen Pollack is the featured work for Trinity book group's meeting on Friday, February 26th. Its main character is a scientist researching a serious genetic disorder affecting herself and her family. The story explores her brilliance and bravery as she confronts her deepest fears and desires, and then comes to accept the inevitable and the unexpected. All are welcome to join in the discussion, which will take place via Zoom from 7:00 – 8:00 pm on Feb. 26th. Contact Mark MacGougan at macgougans@gmail.com to receive a link.



Life in the Spirit – Monday Night Book Group



We'd like to invite you to join us in reading and discussing our next book, "Beginning to Pray," by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom. This straightforward and provocative book is considered one of the spiritual classics of the 20th century. Anthony Bloom, originally from Russia, was a medical doctor in France, and Orthodox monk, priest, and bishop who served the Orthodox community in London, UK.

We meet Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm via Zoom, beginning again with our new book on Monday, Feb 1, 2021.

For more information, contact Drew Smith at ktadsmith@comcast.net or 860-331-9021.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 14th

The Last Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 A.M. Call-in Morning Prayer – Phone call

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II – Spiritual Communion (via YouTube);
Zoom Coffee

Monday, February 15th – President's Day

Trinity Academy and Office – Closed for the Holiday

7:30 P.M. Life in the Spirit – Book Club – Zoom

Tuesday, February 16th

Trinity Academy – remote learning

2:00 P.M. Women Together (w/ St. John's and St. Monica's) via Zoom

5:15 P.M. Bible Study via Zoom

6:00 P.M. Choir School rehearsal – Church

7:00 P.M. Vestry Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, February 17th – Ash Wednesday

Trinity Academy – Closed

12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. – Prayers & Ashes Farmington Ave. Parking Lot

7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Liturgy via YouTube

Thursday, February 18th

Trinity Academy – remote learning

12:00 P.M. Noonday Prayer – Zoom

6:00 P.M. Choir School rehearsal – Church

Friday, February 19th

Trinity Academy – remote learning

Saturday, February 20th

Sunday, February 21st

The First Sunday in Lent

8:00 A.M. Call-In Morning Prayer

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II – Spiritual Communion (via YouTube)

Zoom Coffee and Adult Christian Formation



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