

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MORNING PRAYER

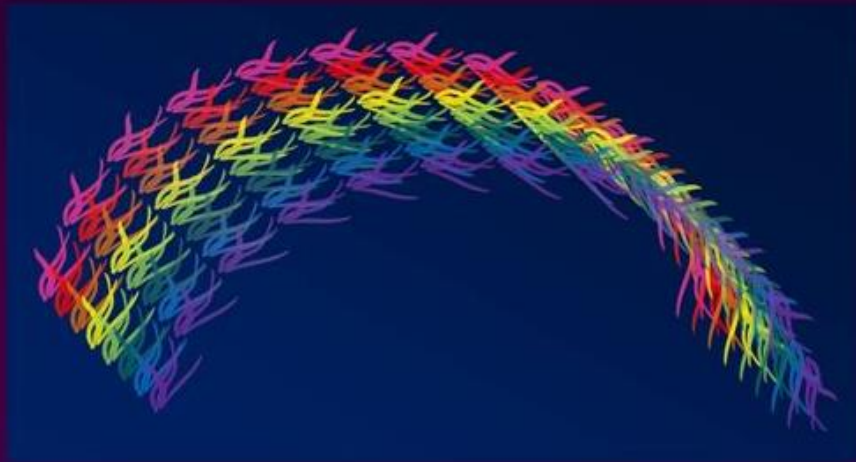
FEBRUARY 21, 2021

8:00 A.M.

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A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature

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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 25:1-9

BCP 614

Please read responsively by verse.

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
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.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

CANTICLE 11
Please read in unison.

The Third Song of Isaiah

BCP 87

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.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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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

1 Peter 3:18-22

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SERMON

The Rev. D. Littlepage

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 218

Officiant Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

BCP 98

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 and Preacher

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Roger Hough; Emeka, Esther, Emmanuela, Michael & Marvelous Igboanugo; Comfort Igboanugo and Lay Eucharistic visitors.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Timothy's, Fairfield; Trinity/St. Michael's, Fairfield; St. James', Farmington, all parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; and the Companions in Mission Network.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

We pray for Kate Smith, Sam Hines and Yoleanna Russo, Juli Porter, Juhudi Mgombo, 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 Tengtenga; 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 10 AM service today 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.



Join us on Wednesdays (February 24 through March 24) from 7-8pm on Zoom - Meeting ID: 820 8769 1272) for this year's Lenten series, *Bringing Prayer to Life*.

We will explore the treasures that the Book of Common Prayer has to offer beyond Sunday morning worship. We will also explore ways that the Book of Common Prayer can serve as a foundation to launch us into other types of prayer.

Bishop Visitation

We are excited that Bishop Ian Douglas will be preaching and presiding at our live-streamed 10am service on February 28th. During the service he will also confirm Jane Mogor and Margaret Rosseau After the service he will lead a special Adult Forum "Chat with the Bishop" where he will share what's happening across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and answer questions from the Congregation. You don't want to miss this worship service (on YouTube) and Forum (on Zoom)!





DID YOU KNOW

41% of undergraduates and 48% of community college students suffer from food insecurity. Many of the students are beneficiaries of SNAP Vouchers (formerly called Food Stamps), which does not allow for the purchase of personal hygiene products.

YOU CAN HELP

Christ Church Cathedral invites the Parishes in the North Central Region and its members to collect weekly one personal care hygiene product for each week of Lent (February 17th to April 4th) to benefit Capital Community College (CCC) Food Pantry. Please share with your family, friends, and communities. The Director of the CCC Food Pantry has identified the most needed hygiene products:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Conditioner
- Men's and Women's Razors
- Feminine hygiene products
- Large size Poise and Depends products

Drop off for all collected items will be at our Cathedral from Wednesday, April 7th to Friday, April 9th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Sunday April 11th 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information contact Cathedral Deacon Bonnie Matthews at bmatthews228@comcast.net

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.

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.

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

EMAIL SPAM REMINDER

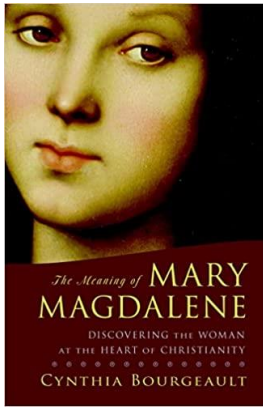
There has been another increase in spam emails purporting to be coming from Rev. D. Please remember that Rev. D. will never email you asking you to purchase gift cards, or to urgently email back but not call. If it's urgent Rev. D will call you and will not request that you not call. An easy way to check the validity of an email is to check the 'from' email address. **Finally, if there is any doubt, DO NOT RESPOND TO THE EMAIL.** Instead, call or text Rev. D. at 860-986-3289.



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.

BOOKS THAT FEED THE SPIRIT.....

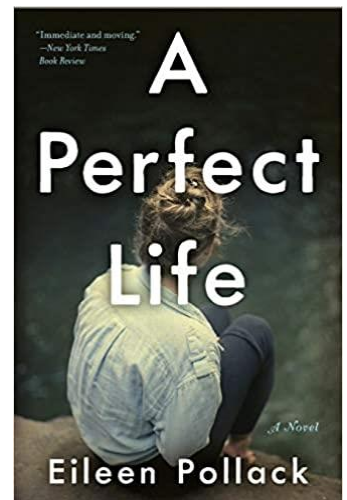


Women Together

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.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 21st The First Sunday in Lent

8:00 A.M. Call-in Morning Prayer – Phone call
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II – Spiritual Communion (via YouTube);
Zoom Coffee and Adult Christian Formation

Monday, February 22nd

Trinity Academy – remote learning
7:30 P.M. Life in the Spirit – Book Club – Zoom

Tuesday, February 23rd

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

Wednesday, February 24th

Trinity Academy – Closed
7:00 P.M. Lenten series: *Bringing Prayer to Life* – via Zoom

Thursday, February 25th

Trinity Academy – remote learning
12:00 P.M. Noonday Prayer – Zoom
6:00 P.M. Choir School rehearsal – Church

Friday, February 26th

Trinity Academy – remote learning
7:00 P.M. Trinity Book Group – via Zoom

Saturday, February 27th

10:00 A.M. Sanctuary Stitchers – via Zoom

Sunday, February 28th The Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 A.M. Call-In Morning Prayer – Phone Call
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II – Spiritual Communion and Confirmation
(via YouTube)
Bishop Ian Douglas presiding and preaching.
Zoom Coffee and ACF with Bishop Douglas: “Coffee with the Bishop”



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