

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Dear Trinity friends: This is the world turned upside down. To be church regularly means to gather together in a sacred place. The experience strengthens us to be the presence of Christ's love in the world, which is God's call to us. Social distancing requires that we give up, for a time, that person-to-person-to-person gathering, that spiritual food. It feels wrong. The word behind the word "church" is *ecclesia*, ancient Greek for "gathering."

For now, we must give up gathering in the way so many of us find nourishing, even necessary, the coming together on Sundays under the soaring vault of Trinity Church. The buildings are closed to all services and meetings until at least until May 10 due to the COVID-19 coronavirus. On Friday, our Bishops called on the Connecticut parishes to do this.

Last Sunday, with behind camera help from Casey Rousseau and Jake Troiano and the musical support of Jackson Merrill, Trinity presented a shorter version of what we do on regular Sundays. Over a hundred folks tuned in to this YouTube offering of Word and music, a testament to the hunger many of us feel for the weekly infusion of scripture and song emanating from Trinity Church.

We hope to offer more in the Sundays to come. The emphasis here is on hope. The guidance given about how we all should protect one another, and ourselves, changes daily, if not hourly. We at Trinity make a commitment to our parish community to be as present as we can be, as safely as can be done. We will do our best to mark the Lord's Day with scripture, prayer and song, although the format may change as guidelines evolve.

We also commit to staying in touch. My email address in [nmacleod@trinityhartford.org](mailto:nmacleod@trinityhartford.org). My cell phone number is 860-986-3289. If you have a question or an idea about our online worship or have a pastoral concern, please be in touch.

Trinity will continue to reach out to you through The Voice, our website ([www.trinityhartford.org](http://www.trinityhartford.org)), regular e-blasts and Facebook. In turn, each of you can make Trinity a presence in the lives of our brothers and sisters by reaching out through phone calls and e-mails to other members of the parish, or to anyone you feel may be vulnerable or lonely in these strange times.

As crucial as our Sunday gatherings are, the soul of Trinity Church rests in our connection through the Holy Spirit. This connection needs no roof or walls. As the evangelist John describes it, we are together in Christ and Christ is in us. That power will overcome all separation, or as Paul proclaims in Romans 8,

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We will gather again on Sigourney Street, with light streaming through stained glass windows, and organ chords reverberating through brownstone columns. We will know then that for all that magnificence, the love we share with our Trinity neighbors shines and sings with more glory than all the great church buildings of the world.

In the Name of God the Father Almighty who created us;  
In the Name of Jesus Christ who redeemed us;  
In the Name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

Peace, Norman

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD  
(FROM THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO)

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endures forever.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*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.**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ,

have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy

up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy

up - on us. Lord,

have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

*Please be seated.*

READING SAMUEL 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

PSALM 23 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*Please be seated. Silence for reflection.*

EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,  
“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

HYMN 664

1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_

He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my  
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
go and come; \_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

Soloist, Martha Freimuth, soprano

**GOSPEL:** JOHN 9:1-13, 28-38

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind... Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Norman M. MacLeod

*Silence for reflection.*

*Please stand.*



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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM I

*The people say the words in bold.*

*Leader*      With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying  
 “Creator, hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church  
 of God, and for the unity of all peoples, especially in the time of this pandemic,  
 let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For this transition time at Trinity Church as we engage in the process of discernment  
 leading to the call of a new rector, let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For all those suffering from the coronavirus, whether through infection or fear, let us pray  
to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For all those who are caring for those who are ill or afraid, let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For all those seeking a cure for this pandemic, and all diseases, let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For this city Hartford, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the  
wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and  
for all the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For those on our parish prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and  
captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

For deliverance from all danger, diseases, violence, oppression, and degradation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without  
suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Creator, hear our prayer.**

In the communion of St. John, St. Paul, St. Mary and of all the saints, let  
us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence.*

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in  
the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us  
and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O  
lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and  
Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*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.**

## THE PEACE

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

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* Jesus invites us to a way of celebration, meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.  
*All* **Let us walk his way with joy.**  
*Celebrant* Jesus beckons us to a way of risk, letting go of our security.  
*All* **Let us walk his way with joy.**  
*Celebrant* Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices of those who have nothing to lose.  
*All* **Let us walk his way with joy.**  
*Celebrant* Jesus points us to a way of self-giving, where humility and compassion are exalted and the idols of power and status are cast down.  
*All* **Let us walk his way with joy.**  
*Celebrant* Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.  
*All* **Let us walk his way with joy.**  
*Celebrant* And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you this day during this holy season of Lent and forever.  
*All* **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP AS A GATHERED COMMUNITY IS OVER.  
 OUR WORSHIP, THROUGH SERVICE TO THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE, BEGINS ANEW.

**COVER ART:** We are grateful to The Rev. George Chien for creating the artwork on the cover.

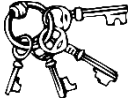
### **LET US PRAY**

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Mary & Jim Register; Jon & Jane Reik; and Kevin Rennie. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; St. Monica's, Hartford; ECCT Joint Leadership members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry and Donations & Bequests. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui The Most Revd Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island.

We pray for Peg Andrian; Mavis Bennett; Ginny Catanzaro; Gloria Cheyney and family; 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 Tengtenga; Alice Turcotte; Carl Williams, Chris Weber; Richard Green (brother of Peter Green), Donald Bowens (Dianne Bowens-Waller), Joseph Negrelli Jr. and his family, Alan and Elena Rice, Brenda and Ronald Stahley (parents 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, John E. Robinson, Mark, Maritza and Anne Marie Pacileo, Percy Williamson, Amy Williams, 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.

# Announcements



## The Warden's Corner

Although the Trinity Church buildings are closed and we aren't gathering for worship, we have work to do and we're doing it! The Recruitment Committee met with our Transition Consultant on Monday using "Zoom" teleconferencing software. The posting for our open Rector position is live on the ECCT website, and will be until April 30. Initial interviews will also be held using Zoom, so for the time being, our search for a new Rector will continue as planned.

Our Tuesday Vestry meeting, also via Zoom, was largely focused on the question of how we can continue to be Trinity Church when we can't be together. We've received a good bit of positive feedback on the worship service we broadcast over YouTube last Sunday, and we'll continue to do that as long as we can do so safely. Of course, worship is only part of what we do; as a congregation, we care for one another and for the community as we can. Please see the letter from Father Norman in this week's e-blast and in the Voice, where he suggests ways we can continue to nurture our Trinity community.

As public health officials learn more each day, they update their suggestions and guidelines about how to keep ourselves and our community safe. As a result, the Trinity staff and lay leadership reconsider often what our own practices should be, and we will do our best to keep you informed. Please remember that our buildings are really closed, meaning that they are not to be accessed without permission. If you have a need to enter the building, please contact Barbara Roos by email – [office@trinityhartford.org](mailto:office@trinityhartford.org) – and make arrangements to do so. You must have an appointment to enter the building, and receive instructions about how to ensure your safety and that of others who must enter.

Join us via YouTube for worship on Sunday. Call your Trinity friends just to check in. Trust that God knows our need, and that we will be together again as soon as circumstances allow it.

Alan Rice and Martha Freimuth  
*Wardens*

## *A Taste of Trinity*

"A Taste of Trinity: Recipes from Around the World" is a wonderful cookbook with recipes from our parishioners, whose families hail from five continents. Please contact Anne Rapkin or Percy Williamson via email if you would like to purchase one or more copies.

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