

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

MORNING PRAYER

DECEMBER 27, 2020

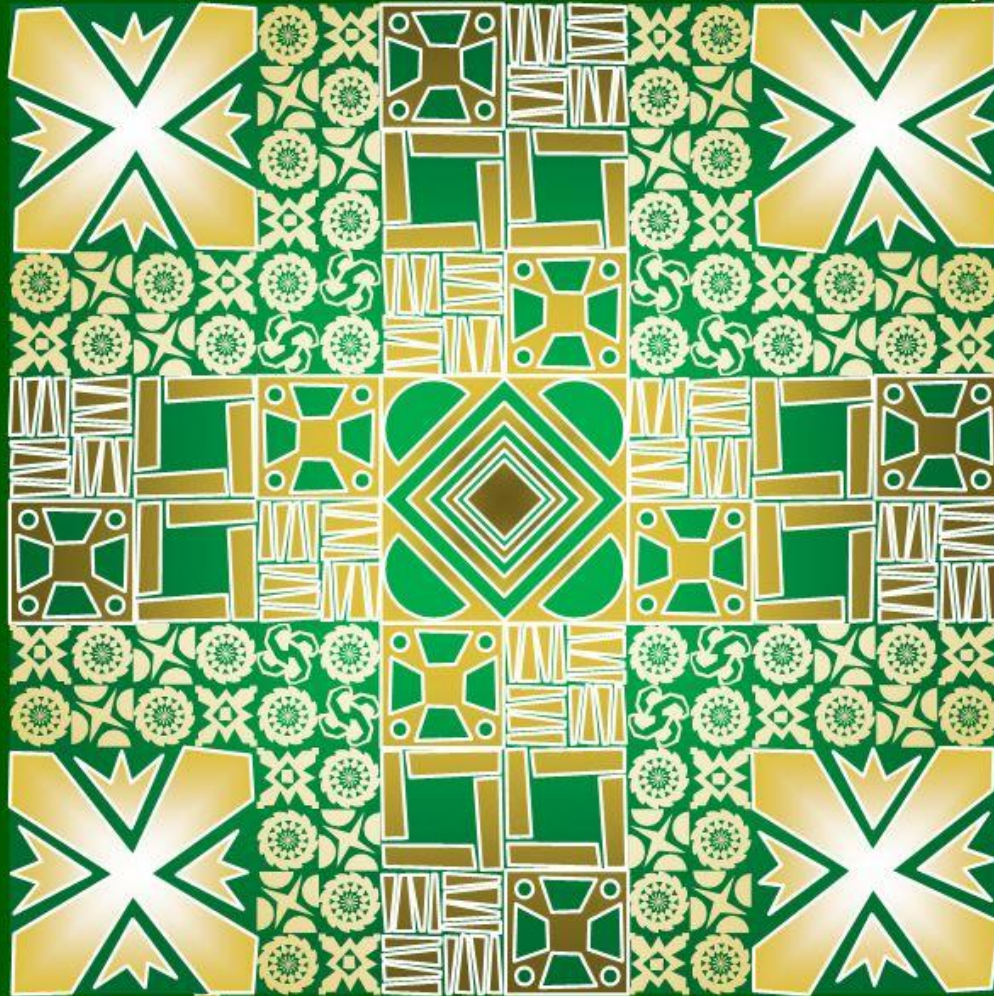
8:00 A.M.

PHONE IN NUMBER: 929-436-2866

MEETING ID: 881 9858 5999

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

JOY TO THE WORLD



THE LORD IS COME

120 Sigourney Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06105-2796
860.527.8133 www.trinityhartford.org

MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

8:00 A.M. VIA TELEPHONE

WELCOME

The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith

Officiant Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips;
All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
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 Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

VENITE Psalm 95: 1-7

BCP 82

Please read in unison.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 147

Please read responsively by verse.

1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.]

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

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

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

CANTICLE 19
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

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith

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 212

Officiant Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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. Amen.
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 him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

All Amen.



COVER ART: We are grateful to The Rev. George Chien, (UMC, MCC) for creating the bulletin artwork.

The words of the service are taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

Scripture quotations are from the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible* © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Ray, Mima, Bella, Sasha & Sophiya Esponda and Fleetie Floyd; and the Flower Guild.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mark's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgewater; Good Shepherd, Bristol/Plainville. For soup kitchens and food pantries, and all ministries that feed those who go without.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement: His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome; His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch; The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council; The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

We pray for Juli Porter, Alexandra Adams, 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 Tengtenga; Alice Turcotte; 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.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith – Presider & Preacher

Announcements

Parish Office Closed Through January 1

The Parish Office will be closed between Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1. The office will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2021. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the office number (860-527-8133) and press 1 for the emergency clergy mailbox.

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

A Taste of Trinity: Recipes from Around the World

This Christmastide, give a wonderful cookbook to your favorite cooks and at the same time support the **Kateri Medical Mission**, which serves adults and children throughout Nigeria who would otherwise have no access to medical care. Every dollar from sales is donated to Kateri!! Find recipes from virtually every corner of the globe, representing the rich multicultural parish of Trinity Church.

Please contact the Trinity Office at office@trinityhartford.org or 860-527-8133 ext 204 to schedule your pick-up now.

\$12 per copy; \$30 for three copies.



Giving Tree Gratitude

Thank you!!

Thanks to all who contributed to this year's Giving Tree for the benefit of students at Trinity Academy! Trinity Church will be providing twenty-five \$25 gift cards to the 1st-4th grade students at Trinity Academy, to be used to buy a Christmas gift, making Christmas a bit merrier for them and their families. Thank you!

NEEDED FOR THE MINYEKO FAMILY!

Trinity's newest refugee family, Jeannette Minyeko and her 6 children, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, are in need of some specific types of assistance right now.

1st, the family's car is no longer usable, and they very badly need another. The two oldest sons, Abedi and Roger, use the car to get to work. Although they have now lost their jobs due to the pandemic, they require a car to search for new jobs and to drive themselves and other family members to medical appointments. Do any of you have (or know someone who has) a **used car in good condition** that can be donated to them?

2nd, the family badly needs to relocate from their current apartment. The Resettlement Committee is looking for a rental house in Hartford or West Hartford near Farmington Avenue, a major bus route. However, the family dreams of buying a house. Is there a parishioner who can provide information, or do research, about **federal and state programs of financial assistance for first-time home buyers**?

3rd, Jeannette's granddaughter, Jeannette Jr., 1½ y/o is not hearing English spoken, since the family all speak Kiswahili in the home. Looking ahead to school-readiness, we'd like some **English-language board books and toys** for her. Can anyone help?

Please contact Anne Rapkin if you can help (860-521-5992, a.rapkin@snet.net).

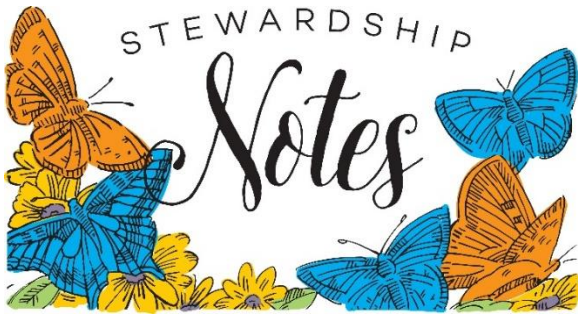
Notice: Phone Charges May Apply

If you are joining us by using your land-line for Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist, please be aware that long-distance charges may apply and appear on your next phone bill. In order to avoid those charges, we recommend you use your mobile when calling in. If long distance charges would be a hardship for you, please reach out to Rev. D.

We just found out from a parishioner that charges apply when using a land-line.

Any questions, please let us know.

Thanks!!!



(Re)connect

Reminder: If you put your pledge packet aside to take care of after Thanksgiving, now is the time to pull it out of the mail pile, complete the pledge card and mail it in, and most important, write the note to your fellow parishioner to reconnect! Thank you!

Financial Contributions – Tax Credit in 2020

All financial contributions received by the parish office, postmarked on or electronically submitted before December 31, 2020, will be included in year-end statements.

If you would like to make a gift of stock, please contact Trinity's Finance Manager, Fran Times-Mack at either 860-527-8133 ext 206 or ftimesmack@trinityhartford.org for stock transfer instructions.

REMINDER: Please make every attempt to turn in your 2021 Pledge Card before the year's end.
Please contact the office (office@trinityhartford.org) if you need a pledge card.
Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 27th **The First Sunday after Christmas**

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

10:00 A.M. – Lessons and Carols with ECCT Lessons and Carols with Rev.
D Presiding at Spiritual Communion (via Trinity Zoom)

Monday, December 28th

Trinity Academy and Church Office - Closed

Tuesday, December 29th

Trinity Academy and Church Office - Closed

Wednesday, December 30th

Trinity Academy and Church Office - Closed

Thursday, December 31st **New Year's Eve**

Trinity Academy and Church Office - Closed

12:00 P.M. Noonday Prayer - Zoom

Friday, January 1st - New Year's Day

Saturday, January 2nd

Sunday, January 3rd **The Second Sunday after Christmas**

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

10:00 A.M. – Lessons and Carols – YouTube; Zoom Coffee Hour following



120 Sigourney Street • Hartford, Connecticut • 06105-2796
860.527.8133 • www.trinityhartford.org