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THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

MORNING PRAYER

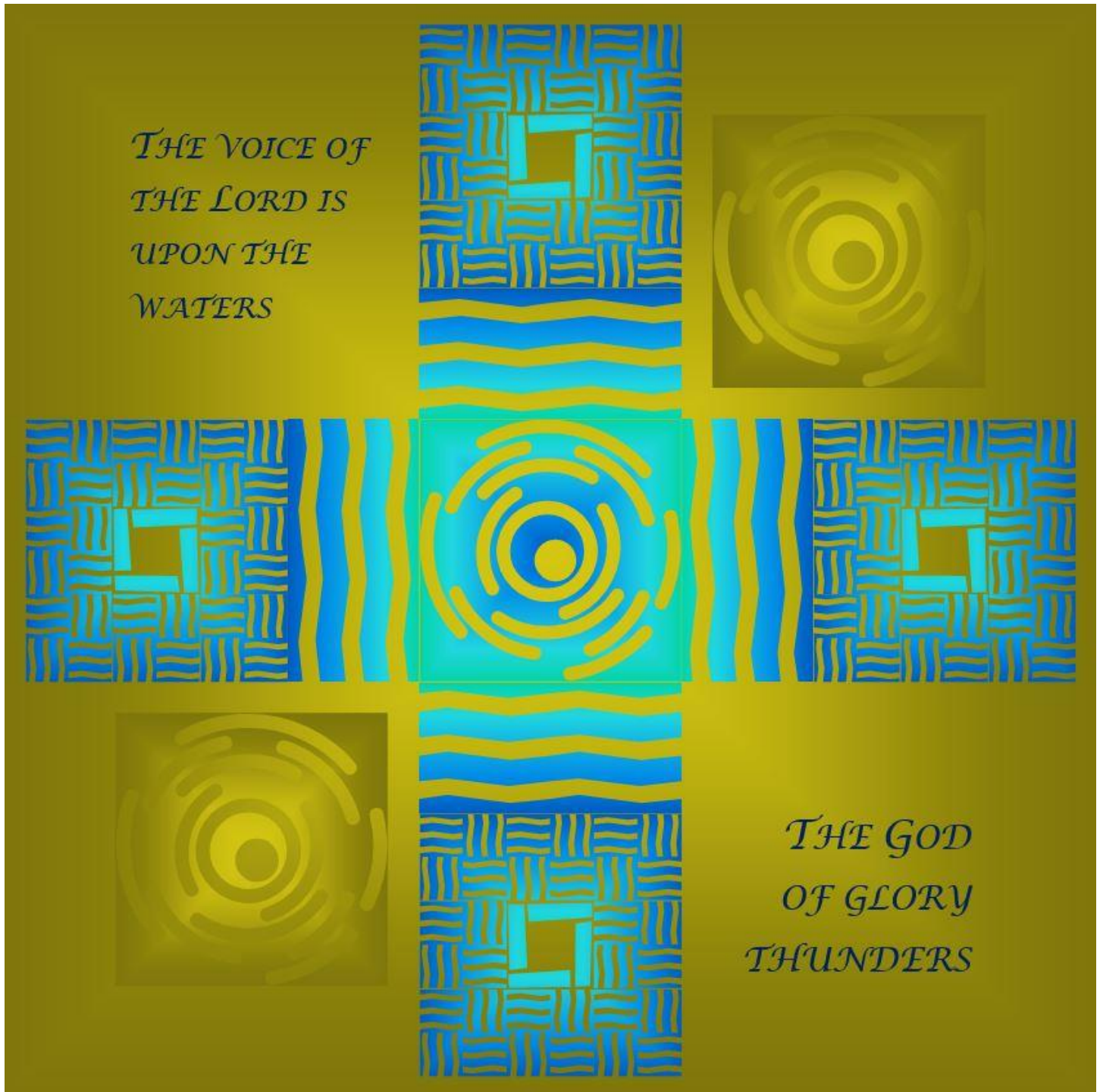
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A Message from the Rector
Epiphany 2021

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen. (Collect for Epiphany)

On January 6th, Christians around the world celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany which centers around the journey of the Magi to honor the Christ Child. Epiphany is often marked as the revelation of God Incarnate beyond Judea to all peoples of the world. The last verse of the Gospel reading for Epiphany reads, “And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.” (Matthew 2:12) The star led them to the right area but didn’t point them exactly to their desired location. They followed the star, but they still had to put in effort to find Jesus. In their process of figuring out where to go, they ended up face to face with Herod, the powerful leader of the government in that area, who was filled with fear at the suggestion that his hold on power might be in jeopardy. Herod asked the Magi to report back to him the exact location of Jesus, but “having been warned in a dream” they did not allow their pilgrimage of adoration to become co-opted by Herod’s fear-filled hold on power. Instead, they embarked on their journey home by another road, undoubtedly transformed by their encounter with God and sharing the stories of Jesus with those they met.

Also on January 6th, we witnessed a mob storm the U.S. Capitol while Congress undertook the process of certifying election results. I was at loss for words as I watched the images and listened to reports of what was happening. And yet, as images of those who decided to travel a road of violence, hatred, and intimidation kept my attention, I felt my resolve strengthen to continue on by another road. Instead of travelling a road paved by oppressive power, division, hatred, and violence, Epiphany reminds us that when we spend time in the presence of God we are transformed and strengthened to continue our journey travelling on another road—a road paved by the love of God. As we mark the end of the Christmas season with the celebration of Epiphany, may we seek to continue following the road of Jesus away from Bethlehem into a world in desperate need of God’s transforming love.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.
--Howard Thurman

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 29

BCP 620

Please read responsively by verse.

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
 all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing

this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—together there were about twelve of them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
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 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

SERMON

The Rev. D. Littlepage

Silence for reflection.

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

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

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 214

Officiant Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
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.



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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Martha Freimuth; Tom & MaryJane Furrer; Gloria Garay and the Healing Prayer Team.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury and for those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19/Coronavirus, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

We pray for Kate Smith, Sam Hines and Yoleanna Russo, 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 Tengtanga; 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 especially Ann Knapp, 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 Rev. D. Littlepage – Officiant & Preacher

Announcements



Check out what Michael Okeke, a Trinity Church parishioner, storyteller, actor, children's entertainer, and full time student has developed to bring the art of storytelling to children at home.

The Cora J. Belden Library in Rocky Hill is presenting "Tell Me A Story" - Readers Theater Unscripted!" Wednesdays on February 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Do you like listening and telling stories! We've got just the program for you. Miss Jen and special guest and performer Michael Okeke will be putting on this four-part series that explores stories and acting in a FUN new way! We'll listen to stories, play acting games and put on short plays. The plays will be unscripted- we will create something together using Improv techniques for a fun, spontaneous experience!

No prior acting experience is needed. Just bring your creative energy and smiles!
This program is recommended for ages 7 and up.

Click on the [registration link](#) to sign up for one, two or all four of the sessions. For further information contact Michael Okeke at okekemikey356@gmail.com or 860-836-1819.

Outreach Team Zoom Meeting – January 12

All are invited to the Outreach meeting Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. If you would like to hear what the Outreach Team at Trinity has been up to, or have an idea or need you want to share with us, please join us. Contact Lily Miller at millbabins@aol.com to get a copy of the agenda and to get on the list for the Zoom link.

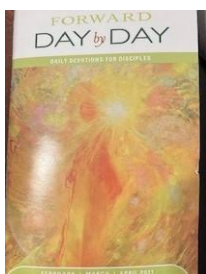
Giving Statements will be mailed the 3rd week in January to those made an offering to Trinity Church during 2020.

2021 Stewardship Contribution Envelopes Now Available

Contribution envelopes for 2021 are now in. **To pick up your envelopes contact the office to request an appointment for either Wednesday, January 13 or Wednesday January 20 between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm** (860-527-8133, ext. 204 – Barbara Roos), or send her an email at office@trinityhartford.org. If you had envelopes in the past, but have decided against using them this year, please let Barbara know.

Important: Please discard all prior year contribution envelopes. Envelope numbers change. Your past envelope number could be reassigned. Using old envelopes could result in your contributions being inadvertently credited to someone else. **Please make sure the 2021 envelope box you pick up has your name on it.**

BOOKS THAT FEED THE SPIRIT.....

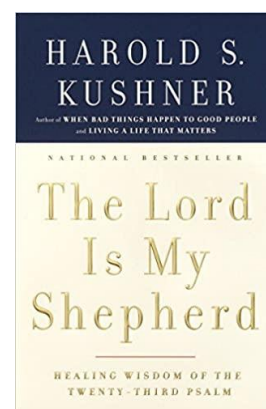


Forward Day by Day

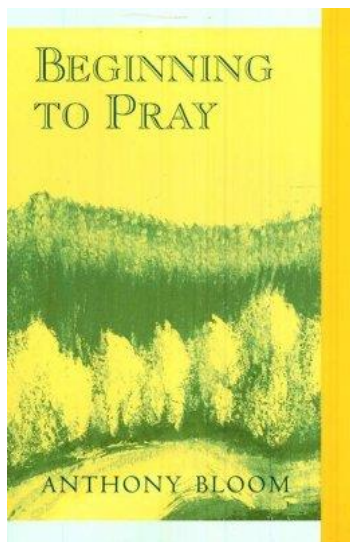
The daily devotional for disciples for the months of February, March and April have arrived to the office. If you are interested in receiving a copy **please contact the office to request an appointment for either Wednesday, January 13 or Wednesday January 20 between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm** (860-527-8133, ext. 204 – Barbara Roos), or send her an email at office@trinityhartford.org. Or let her know if you would like the devotional mailed.

Women Together

Women Together will start a new 5-week series on January 12th, discussing *The Lord is My Shepherd; Healing Wisdom of the 23rd Psalm* by Harold Kushner. Newcomers are always welcome to join in! Currently, women from St. Monica's, St. John's and Trinity participate in WT, and we meet weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:15 pm. The book is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon. For more information about WT, and to receive a link to the meeting, please contact Jo-Ann Sadosky (joann.sadosky43@gmail.com) or Heather Kramer (heatherjk1989@gmail.com).



You're invited....



In response to a conversation with Al Shuckra last May, a small group of Trinity parishioners decided to read and discuss “The Universal Christ” by Richard Rohr, meeting by Zoom every Monday evening for an hour, over a number of months. The last chapter we read together the week after Al died.

Our experience was so rich that we’ve decided to continue. We are just about to finish “The Book of Joy,” the fruit of a weeklong visit between the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

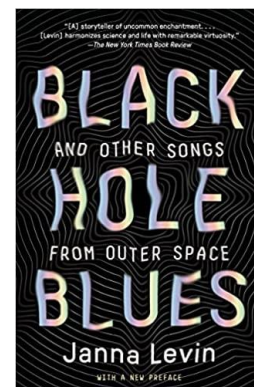
We’d like to invite you to join us in reading and discussing our next book, “Beginning to Pray,” by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom. This straightforward and provocative book is considered one of the spiritual classics of the 20th century. Anthony Bloom, originally from Russia, was a medical doctor in France, 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.

Trinity Book Group

Trinity's Book Group has chosen a nonfiction work for its January meeting: *Black Hole Blues and Other Songs from Outer Space*. The author, astrophysicist Janna Levin, is described as “a storyteller of uncommon enchantment... who harmonizes science and life with remarkable virtuosity” by the New York Times Book Review. The book recounts the story of the scientists who, in 2015, recorded the first sounds from space, caused by the collision of two black holes. *Black Hole Blues* is available on Amazon and bookstores. Book Group will meet, via Zoom, on Friday, January 22nd, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend! For the link, please contact Linda MacGougan (macgougans@gmail.com).



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

Our group just finished an 8-session reading and reflecting on the Psalms.

You are invited and welcome to join us on Tuesday 1/5/2021 when we will begin another series 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, we suggest that you enter the Zoom meeting at 5 PM this Tuesday to get oriented to Zoom and the meeting. You can send your email address to Roy McAlpine to let him know you would like to attend. 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.

Transition to Eternal Life

Trinity Church notes the passing of Ann Knapp, a former and faithful member of the Trinity Church Choir, whom Choir members would remember as Ann Baird. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and her many friends. Ann's obituary in the Hartford Courant is linked below:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/hartfordcourant/obituary.aspx?n=ann-d-knapp&pid=197365251&fhid=4107>

It is suggested that people donate to our music program in her memory. Several of us received music books from her library when she broke up her home upon her husband's death. Ann was a sweet lady and a fine musician.

*Father of all, we pray to you for Ann, and for all those whom
we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let
light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls
of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 10th Feast of the Baptism of Christ

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

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

Monday, January 11th

Trinity Academy – via on-line

7:00 P.M. Capital Campaign Works Committee Meeting – via Zoom

Tuesday, January 12th

Trinity Academy – via on-line

5:15 P.M. Bible Study via Zoom

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

7:00 P.M. Outreach Committee Meeting – via Zoom

Wednesday, January 13th

Trinity Academy - Closed

7:00 P.M. Property Team Meeting – via Zoom

Thursday, January 14th

Trinity Academy - Closed

12:00 P.M. Noonday Prayer - Zoom

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

Friday, January 15th

Articles for *The Voice* due

Saturday, January 16th

Sunday, January 17th The Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II – Spiritual Communion;
Zoom Coffee Hour following



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