

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

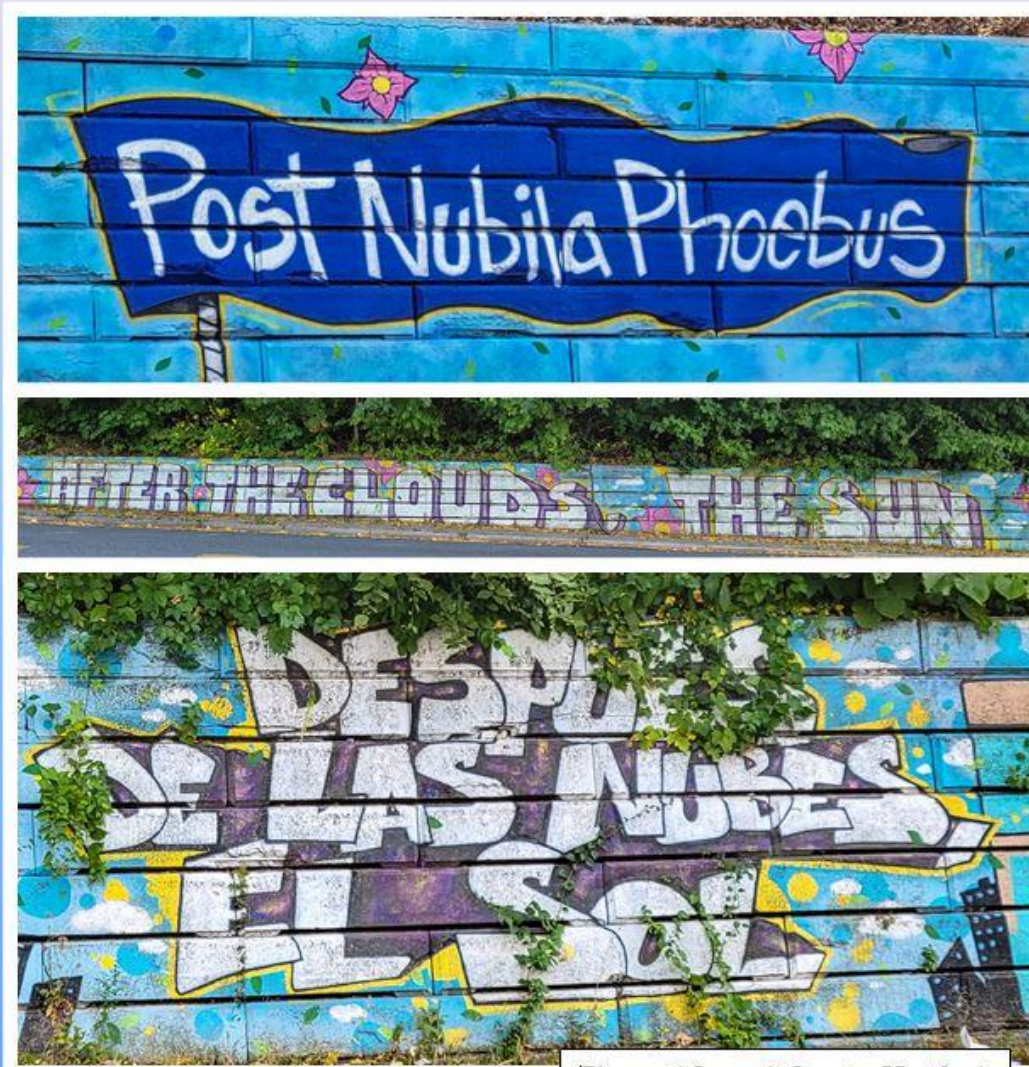
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 2025

10:00 AM

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen



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Good Morning

Whether this is your first time at Trinity, your first time in a long time, or if you're here every Sunday, we are delighted that you are worshipping with us this morning.

WELCOME

If you are new to Trinity, we hope you will introduce yourself and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are located in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the fireplace.

NAMETAGS

We are delighted to welcome you at Trinity. To make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, stickers and markers are at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of reusable nametags. We will make every effort to have your Nametag ready for you on the following Sunday.

KIDS IN CHURCH

If you need to step out of the service with your infant or toddler and are in search of a quiet space to spend a few moments, the parent room (at the end of the North Narthex past the door to the Memorial Garden) is open during the 10 AM service. There is no childcare attendant, so all children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Private intercessory prayer is available with members of our Intercessory Prayer team in the side aisle while Communion is being distributed at the 10:00 AM service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayer requests that will be prayed over for the next month.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Our church offers assistive listening devices for individuals with hearing difficulties. These devices allow them to receive amplified sound directly through their compatible hearing aids. If you need assistance using an assistive listening device, please see a church usher.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not printed in the leaflet can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand, if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's tradition, for prayer.

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MORNING PRAYER RITE II

AUGUST 10, 2025

10:00 AM

WELCOME

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalms 122:1*

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence may be kept

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

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

Officiant and People

**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. Alleluia.**

VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7*

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!

THE PSALM

Psalm 33:12-22 Exultate, justi

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

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.*

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Reader: Hear ends the lesson.

Silence is kept.

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
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.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Reader: Hear ends the lesson.

Silence is kept.

The Song of the Redeemed *Magna et mirabilia*

Revelation 15:3-4

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 SERMON

Alan Rice, Officiant

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

All

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

**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 A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**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 ourselves 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

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. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Romans 15:13



+ *ASSISTING AT WORSHIP* +

Officiant: Alan Rice

Lay Readers: Kate Smith, Linda MacGougan

Virtual Vergers: Mark MacGougan, Casey Rousseau, Elizabeth Rousseau, Jake Troiano

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Patricia McMahon, Rich McMenemy, Merle Melhado, Holly Miller.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Alban's, Simsbury; St. Peter's, South Windsor; Liturgical assistants serving in parishes: lectors, lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, lay evangelists & vergers.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

We pray for:

Rev. George Chien

Sarah Bartholomew Amanek

Jasmine Drake

Louisa Cummings

Clare Nickols

Irina Mamata & Family

Charles Lewis

Dianne Bowens Waller

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Church by the Pond - August 16

Trinity's next opportunity to participate in this ministry led by Christ Church Cathedral is Saturday, August 16.

- We'll meet in the Trinity kitchen at 12:30 to prepare bag lunches, entering through the outside door to the kitchen.
- At 1:45 we'll bring those lunches to Bushnell Park, where we'll participate in the worship service near the pond.
- We'll offer our lunches and personal care items following the service, and finish around 3:00.

All parishioners, friends and families are welcome! Please contact Percy Williamson (percybwilliamson@yahoo.com) or Heather Kramer (heatherjk1989@gmail.com) if you have questions, or to note that you are planning to participate.

2025 Backpack Ministry for Covenant to Care

Trinity is once again participating in the Adopt A Social Worker program of Covenant to Care to support Hartford children in need as they return to school. This year we've been asked to simply provide backpacks, as these are generally the biggest cost factor for the families.

Backpacks may be for any level of school children, with gender-neutral designs please. They may be placed in the Baptistery until **Sunday August 17**. A blessing will be included in our service that day, and they will be delivered to Covenant to Care the next.

Have questions? Contact Penny Pearson, 860-243-0020, pennypearson@comcast.net

A message from Trinity Book Group

Here's a recommendation for your summer reading: *Bel Canto*, by Ann Patchett. It's a spellbinding novel about love and opera, and the unifying ways people learn to communicate across cultural barriers in times of crisis. This will be the featured book for Book Group's first meeting of the program year, on **Sept. 19**, to which everyone is invited. More details to come, but now's the time to get the book from your local library or bookstore, and delve into this highly acclaimed work!

Prayers in the Chapel

Every Sunday after our service we invite you to the chapel to pray for those guiding us through the search for a new rector. We are a small prayer team that has volunteered for this exercise. We also have found that this is a prayer time for our own needs and those of others. Please join us for this short time together, about 10-15 minutes. All are welcome!

Exciting News from the Choir School of Hartford!

Our brand-new website (choirschoolofhartford.org) is now live and ready for you to explore! You'll find a welcome video, details about our program and upcoming events, and heartfelt testimonials from parents and former choristers.

Designed with recruitment in mind, the site also serves as a celebration of our mission and the profound impact we've had on young lives.

We invite you to visit the website—and share it with families who may have a budding chorister in their midst. It's user-friendly and makes learning more about the Choir School easier than ever.

The Choir School of Hartford is a 501 C3 organization sustained by the generous donations of our supporters. Please consider a gift to help the Choir School continue providing musical education and leadership opportunities to young people ages 8 – 18.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 10th

10:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer – (Memorial Garden)

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Friday, August 15th

7:30 P.M.

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Sunday, August 17thTenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)

NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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