TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 8:00 A.M. &10:00 A.M.

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



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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 worshiping with us this morning.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS If you are new to Trinity, we hope that 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 In order 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, there are stickers and markers 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.

KIDS IN CHURCH Copies of 'The Sunday Paper Junior' coloring sheets and crayons available at each Sanctuary entrance. Each week the coloring sheet will highlight

some aspect of the Scripture for the day and includes notes to help parents talk to their kids about the theme. Please feel free to let your kids color and otherwise be themselves during the worship service. All are welcome as they

are, including kids!

If you need to step out of the service with your infant or toddler and are in search of a quite 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 child care attendant so all children must be

accompanied at all times 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 prayers requests that will be prayed over

for the next month.

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 in *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 personal

tradition, for prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1982 Hymnal #436



Presider *People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider God of peace, we pray for the people of Palestine and Israel in these perilous and

dangerous times. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For all who are fearful for the safety of their loved ones and themselves, we pray that the

assurance of unfailing love, even in the midst of danger, settles upon them. Shelter them

from despair and protect them from harm. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For all who are wounded, we pray they find healing. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For all who have died, we pray they find rest. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For all who grieve, we pray they find comfort. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider For leaders on all sides, we pray for a renewed will to lay down arms, for the strength to

put the grievances and wrongs suffered by their people to rest, and for the conviction to embrace a path of reconciliation and peace that preserves the rights and dignity of all of

your children. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider God of mercy, help us to remember there is no border that can separate us from your

great love and protection, no stone that can sound the well of your deep mercy. Gracious

God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider God of justice, we pray with hopeful hearts that your beloved children of the Holy Land

will be spared a future of sustained violence and unrest and that a recognition of the

humanity of all people will prevail. Gracious God,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in Gaza who live with injustice,

terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that all may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of your world; through Jesus Christ our

Lord. (adapted from Prayer for the Oppressed BCP 826)

People Amen.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

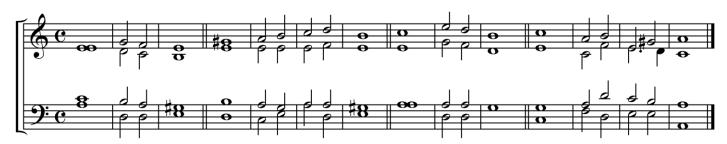
But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM 78:1-7 BCP 694



- 1 Hear my teaching, / O my / people; * incline your / ears to the / words of my / mouth.
- I will open my / mouth <u>in a</u> / parable; *
 I will declare the / <u>mysteries</u> of / ancient / times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, √ and what our / <u>forefathers</u> have / told us, * we will not / hide / from their / children.
- We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the / power of the / Lord, * and the wonderful / works / he has / done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a / law for / Israel, * which he com/manded them to / teach their / children;
- That the generations to come might know, and the children / yet un/born; * that they in their turn might / tell it / to their / children;

Sung to second half of chant

7 So that they might put their / trust in / God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but / keep / his com/mandments.

Please sit.

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

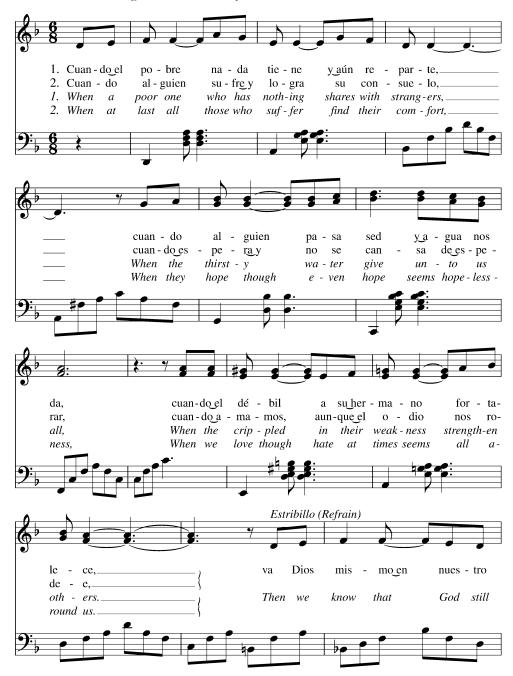
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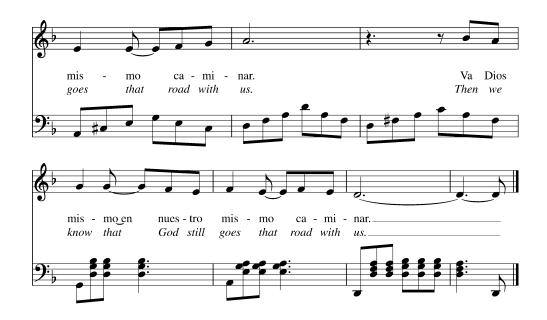
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

When the Poor One Who Has Nothing

English verses only





THE GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON The Rev. D. Littlepage

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

All 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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.

^{*}This version of the Nicene Creed is from one of the sources that has been approved for use by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The most significant difference is that this version changes 'who proceeds from the Father and the Son' to 'who proceeds from the Father.' This change restores the Creed to the version that was originally accepted by both Western and Eastern Orthodox Churches. (The phrase 'of the Son' was added a few hundred years later by a regional synod and was never adopted by Eastern Orthodox Churches).

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

BCP 387

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Intercessor O God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those in the

Holy Land, and those in all places recently impacted by disasters.

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray for all killed by gun violence.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People are invited add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 359

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

Presider 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 PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEACE

"I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river. I've got peace like a river in my soul."

Please sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC Keep Your Lamps Andre Thomas (b. 1952)

Presider All things come of thee O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: FUCHARISTIC PRAYER C BCP 369

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,

galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race

and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.

You made us the stewards of creation.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider Again and again, you called us to return.

Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law.

And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son,

born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

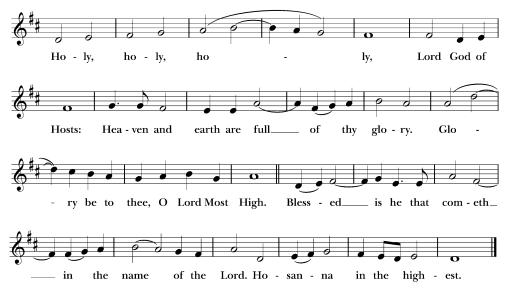
People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

1982 Hymnal #S114



Presider

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Presider Lord God of our Ancestors:

God of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah;

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption

of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength;

for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ,

that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship,

from generation to generation.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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,

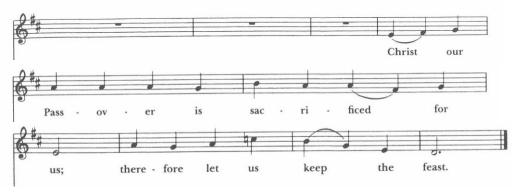
Now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

At the time of the administration of Communion, if you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available on request. Please remember that if you wish not to receive wine, receiving Bread only imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament.

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Dennis Eliot

BCP 366

Please stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider

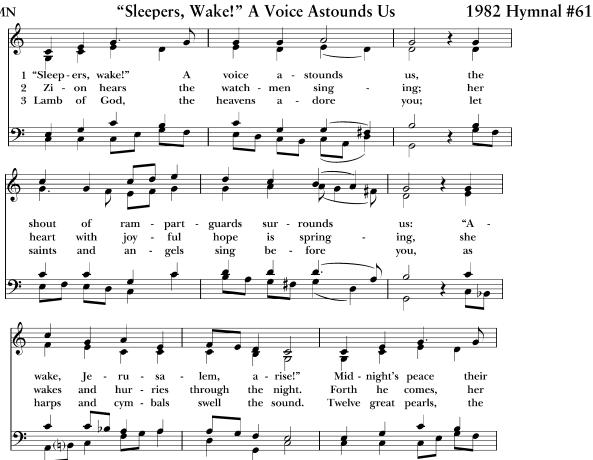
Let us pray.

All

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN





THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Wachet auf Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

You may choose to stay for the postlude (and express a spoken "amen" afterward if you'd like), but it is never expected! You may leave after the final hymn if you'd rather.

Please feel comfortable making whatever choice is best for you.

LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Debbie and Michael Thomas; Jannel, Jordan, Shquia Thomas, Malik Thomas; and Marcel Thompson.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor; Ministries with older adults, and the Daughters of the King.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of North India (United).

We pray for

Faye, Elizabeth and

Hannah Aliene & their children

Gladys Irizarry Elizabeth Pierce Bishop Michael Curry Fred Margeson

Sarah Crandall Troxell (daughter of Nancy Crandall)

Isabella Gevarra
Cassandra Watson
Sonia Watson
Krystal Reid and
Adrian MacLeach
The Wallace Family

Nancy Miller Phillip Andrews (brother of Dianne Bowens-Waller) Carol Walter Dianne Lewis Margaret Daniel

Tony Charron Vreeland (son of Peter Vreeland)

Cheryl Russo Winifred Costa Jacqui Lucier John E. Robinson Grace Crooks

Philip Green (son of Peter &

Anne Green) Nora Baldwin

Stephanie Holland (niece of

Kitty Peterson) Elizabeth Mackie Sandy Cone Foley

J.B. Parke

Jennifer Stephens

Laurie Lavoie

Paulette McCurdy Rhonda McKenzie Carmen Belgrave Kate Smith Katie Reynolds

Tori and Trevor Henry Louise Krippenstapel

Carlene Lewis
Judy Miller
Valentina Moore
Lindsey Tengatenga
Richard Green (brother of

Peter Green)

Donald Bowens (son of Dianne Bowens-Waller)

Peter Vreeland

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider & Preacher

Readers

Walton Brown-Foster (8:00 AM) Suzanne Blancaflor (10:00 AM) Martha Freimuth (10:00 AM)

Intercessor

Walton Brown-Foster (8:00 AM) George Chien (10:00 AM)

Ministers of Communion Suzanne Blancaflor, Marcus Clark

Acolyte Jonathan Garcia

Flowers

Percy Williamson

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Intercessory Prayer Anne Rapkin

Director of Music Michelle Horsley

Altar Guild Mary Register, Kitty Peterson

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Announcements

Episcopal Car Shields

Proclaim your affiliation with the Episcopal Church! Two types of car decals are available in Goodwin Hall in a basket. We ask that you take only one type: either a sticker for the bumper or a static cling for your window.

Adult Forum

A Conversation About Worship - Sunday, November 19, 2023

What lifts your spirit to God during our worship? What brings your spirit crashing back down to earth? These things are different for each of us, and may also change for us depending on what's going on in our lives.

Updated service language, occasional applause from the congregation, a wider range of musical styles, equipment for broadcasting services online – do these or other changes add or detract from your experience of worship at Trinity Church?

The purpose of the meeting is not for us to debate about what is correct or incorrect for worship. The purpose is to share our own experience of what lifts us up so that we can understand each other better and enrich our worship together.

Please plan to join us following 10 o'clock worship on November 19.

Trinity's 2023 "Giving Tree" Arrives 11/19!

This Advent, we are continuing Trinity's tradition of a "Giving Tree" - a tree set up in the Sanctuary, loaded with tags that list wishes from students at Trinity Academy and children from the Adopt-A-

Social Worker program of Covenant to Care.



Our tree will be up on **Sunday**, 11/19, with tags for each of the children. Parishioners who wish to participate may chose a tag on this or a subsequent Sunday, purchase the item and place the gift under the tree by **Sunday** 12/10. We are committed to these children, and it is important that gifts be returned by this date so that they may be distributed.

With only 3 weeks to shop for and return the gifts, our elves will be busy! Please mark your calendars and plan to join in this festive event.

Questions? Please contact Penny Pearson.

Trinity Book Group

All are invited to participate in Trinity's Book Group, meeting next on Friday, December 15th from 7 - 9 pm. French Braid, by contemporary author Anne Tyler, will be the featured book; it's widely available in libraries and bookstores. "Full of heartbreak and hilarity, French Braid is classic Anne Tyler: a stirring, uncannily insightful novel of tremendous warmth and humor that illuminates the kindnesses and cruelties of our daily lives." Amy Arlin will host Book Group at her home in Avon. Please let her know if you plan to attend; she'll send you directions - and make sure to have plenty of refreshments on hand! (aearlin@gmail.com)

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 12th
The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church) 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)

6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Tuesday, November 14th

6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, November 16th

6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Church) 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, November 17th

7:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Sunday, November 19th The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church) 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)

11:30 A.M. Adult Forum (Nave)

6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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