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DAY OF PENTECOST

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>



- 25 O LORD, how / manifold are your / works! *
 in wisdom you have made them all; ✓
 the / earth is / full of your / creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
 with its living things too / many to / number, *
 -- / creatures both / small and / great.
- 27 There move the ships, ✓
 and there is / that Le/viathan, *
 which / you have / made for the / sport of it.
- 28 All of them / look to / you *
 to give them their / food in / due / season.
- 29 You give it to them; they / gather / it; *
 you open your hand, and / they are / filled with / good
 things.
- 30 You hide your face, and / they are / terrified; *
 you take away their breath, ✓
 and they / die and re/turn to their / dust.
 Sung to second half of chant
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and / they are cre/ated; *
 and so you re/new the / face of the / earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD en/dure for / ever; *
 may the LORD re/joyce in / all his / works.
- 33 He looks at the / earth and it / trembles; *
 he touches the / mountains / and they / smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as / long as I / live; *
 I will praise my / God while I / have my / being.
- 35 May these words of / mine / please him; *
 I will re/joyce / in the / LORD.
- 36 Let sinners be consumed / out of the / earth, *
 and the / wicked / be no / more.
- 37 Bless the LORD, / O my / soul. *
 --/ Halle/lu/jah!

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Come Down, Love Divine

1982 Hymnal #516

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

SERMON

The Rev. George Chien (UMC, MCC)

Silence for reflection

THE NICENE CREED

From Enriching Our Worship*

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.

*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).

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Compiled by 2021 Lenten Series Participants

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| Intercessor | For all believers around the world that we all may be united in sharing God's love in the world, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Risen Lord, hear our prayer.</i> |
| Intercessor | In thanksgiving for the gift of the Church and the relationships with each other that are possible through our relationships to Christ, and especially for the ways that the people of Trinity Church have supported each other during the pandemic, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Risen Lord, hear our prayer.</i> |
| Intercessor | For an end to distrust and hostility among the faiths of the world so that all of your children may live in peace, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Risen Lord, hear our prayer.</i> |
| Intercessor | For the leaders of our nation and of all nations that, through your blessing and guidance, their governance may bear fruits of justice and peace and for those living under tyrannical leadership, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Risen Lord, hear our prayer.</i> |
| Intercessor | For those who flee war, persecution, economic distress, and climate change, that they may find safety and fullness of life, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Risen Lord, hear our prayer.</i> |

Intercessor For the inspiration and resolve to confront racism, white supremacy, gun violence, and the destruction of this fragile earth our island home, let us pray to the Lord.
People Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who are hungry, or homeless, or unemployed let us pray to the Lord.
People Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the healing of those suffering from addictions of any kind, especially the members of the 12 Step groups who normally meet at Trinity Church, let us pray to the Lord.
People Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the comfort of those suffering the mental, emotional, and financial devastation of the pandemic, for the health of our communities, and for those directly caring for those sick with Covid-19, let us pray to the Lord.
People Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the will among human communities to share resources to end the pandemic, let us pray to the Lord.
People Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who have died, especially those who have died by gun violence in Hartford, and for those who mourn them, let us pray to the Lord.
People Risen Lord, hear our prayer.
The Presider adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC Praises to Our God (from Cantata 129) J.S. Bach, arr. Ruth Bampton

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

1982 Hymnal #S114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People

AMEN.

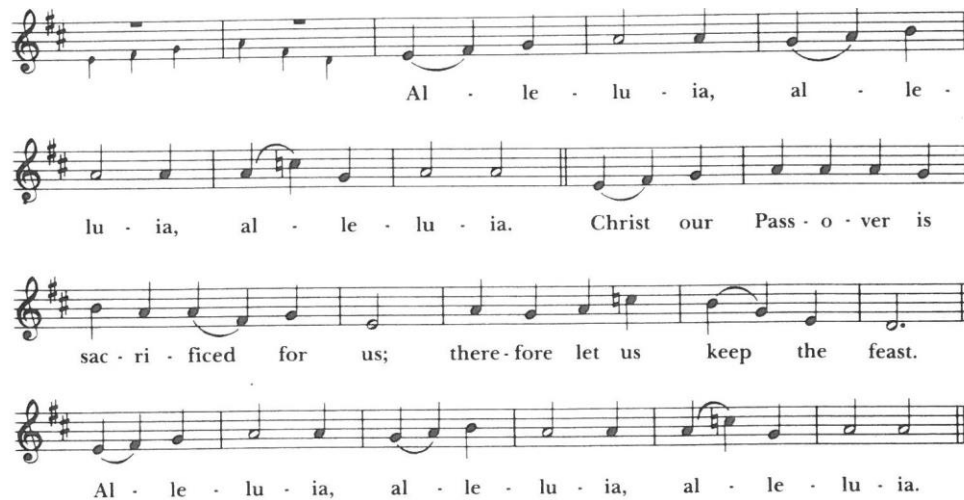
Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
 All Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 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

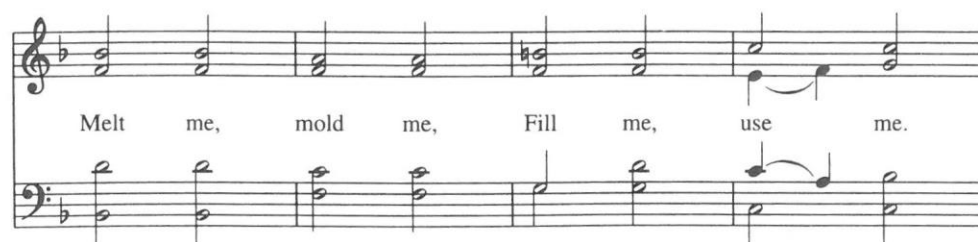
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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

God of love and grace, of justice and peace,
 we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar
 you assure us of your presence within us
 and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations.
 Grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries,
 though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament,
 may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy
 and life-giving presence,
 reshaping in your likeness the world around us,
 until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence;
 through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.



POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
through your Word and presence.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit for ever.

People *Amen.*

Presider May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence.

People *Amen.*

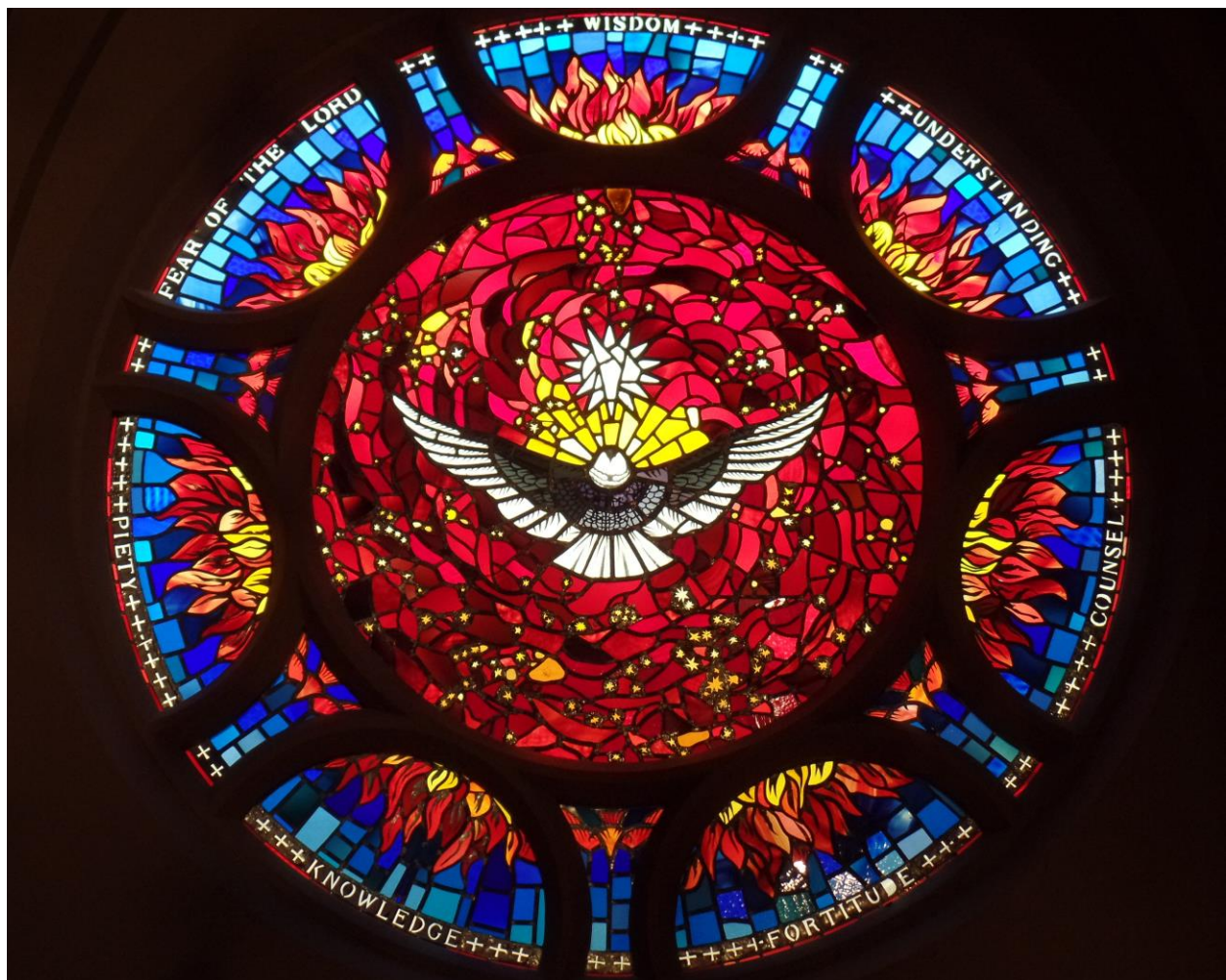
Presider May God, who by the Holy Spirit caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to him in word and deed.

People *Amen.*

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the One Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People *Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
 2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing
 min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with
 bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.
 ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.*

POSTLUDE Toccata on “Veni Creator Spiritus” Op. 4 Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)



LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Kenneth Mogor; Elizabeth Moore; Margaret Moore and the Sunday Morning Lay Leader Hosts.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; environmental ministry networks, eco-justice work; and community gardens.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

We pray for Ann Deely, Johanna, Kate Smith, Patrick, Sam Hines and Yoleanna Russo, Juli Porter, Juhudi Mgombo, 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 Tengatenga; Alice Turcotte; Mary and Jim Register, Richard Green (brother of Peter Green), Donald Bowens (Dianne Bowens-Waller), 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), Diana Perkins (friend of Suzanne and Boo), 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.

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

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+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider
The Rev. George Chien (UMC, MCC) – Preacher

Readers
Amy Arlin
John E. Robinson

Intercessor
Walton Brown Foster

Soloists/Cantors
Martha Freimuth/Linda MacGougan

Director of Music
Michelle Horsley

Virtual Vergers
Casey Rousseau
Jake Troiano

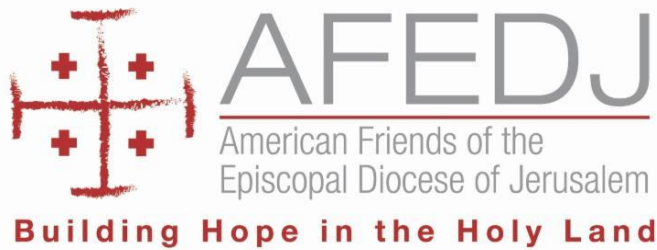
Altar Flowers
George Chien and Percy Williamson

Welcome to St. Monica's Parish

We welcome our friends from St. Monica's who are worshipping with us today.

Adult Christian Formation – After today's service

Join us as we hear from our college-aged parishioners who have been on quite a journey this past year.



Friends,
Our Outreach Team will not be meeting until June, so I decided I needed to let you know that I received an email from John Lent, Executive Director of The American Friends Of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Below is part of the email that John sent.

more than ever. Can you help beyond what the church will send? Please think about this today and act. Please contact me if you need more information. Hoping you all are safe and well.

Kate Smith, Missioner for AFEDJ and the Outreach Team

Dear Friends,

The disaster happening in Palestine and Israel is heartbreaking and tragic. Violence between Jews and Arabs is spreading throughout the region and rockets and bombs have hit hundreds of targets in Gaza and southern Israel. Israeli troops are shelling Gaza from the ground near the border and the threat of a ground war is very real this morning. Please pray for the people of Israel and Palestine.

Ahli Hospital and its courageous leader need your help. They desperately need financial support to keep operating during this crisis. Please give all that you can. Please give now.
<https://afedj.org/give/give-online/>

Every dollar you give goes directly to Ahli Hospital. We get the funds there immediately. The gift you make today will buy supplies and medicines and support the brave nurses, doctors and staff at Ahli tomorrow. Please give generously. Please let the people of Gaza know they are not forgotten.

Faithfully, John Lent



Announcements



Save the Date!

End-of-Year Choir School Concert

Sunday, May 30th at 2PM

Parking Lot of Emanuel Lutheran Church

311 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT

Free parking available in the state lot at the southwest corner of Capital Ave and Oak St.

If able, please bring your own chair/blanket.

Join us as we celebrate the end of a most unusual 2020-2021 Choir School season! This outdoor event will be a presentation of some of the pieces we've learned during our online and in-person rehearsals. Works will include favorites from our Anglican repertoire, as well as selections from Caribbean, South African, Spiritual, American Folk, and modern choral traditions. Guest singers from the Emanuel Lutheran Church community will join us on a couple songs and our graduating choristers will also be formally recognized. Some chairs will be provided, but attendees are kindly asked to bring their own chairs/blankets, if able, and to observe the socially-distant markers on the ground. Masks are required. Parking is available for free at a lot on the southwest corner of Capitol Ave and Oak St, one block away from the performance location. There is no cost for admission and no reservation is required. Join us to celebrate these wonderful choristers!

A Message from Rev. D

More Info on Regathering and Annual Meeting on June 6th

In my excitement to share that we will be regathering on June 6th I left out some important details! First of all, we will continue to stream the service live to YouTube and upload an electronic copy of the bulletin to the website. We want to make sure that folks who are not yet comfortable with in person worship and folks who can't come in person are still able to be a part of our worshiping community. Additionally, members who cannot be present in person on June 6th will be able to participate in the Annual Meeting via zoom.

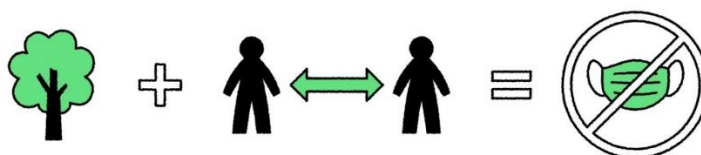
In order to continue to seek the health of all in our community, masks are required to be worn and we will maintain social distance with no physical contact with someone not in your household. There may be some in our community who have been vaccinated and are okay with hugs, but there are others who, vaccinated or not, are not comfortable with hugs. In order to create an atmosphere of welcome regardless of vaccination status and/or comfort with hugs, I am asking everyone to do their part in maintaining social distance when we gather. Additionally, given the 2 out of 3 rule, beginning this Sunday when the weather allows for the 8am service to be outside, people will be allowed to remove their masks once they are in their seat. (The two out of three rule, depicted in the graphic below, says that activity with those outside of your household should have 2 of the 3 measures of health protection (mask, distance, outdoors) in place.

~D+

Use the 2-out-of-3 Rule

In you're not vaccinated, make sure your activity meets two out of the following three conditions: outdoors, distanced and masked.

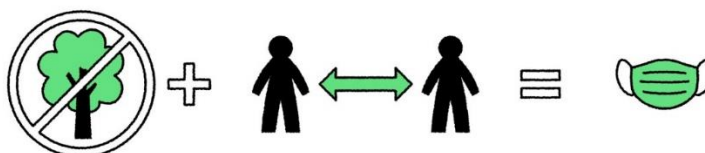
Outdoors + Distanced = No Mask Needed



Outdoors + No Distance = Mask Needed



Not Outdoors + Distanced = Mask Needed





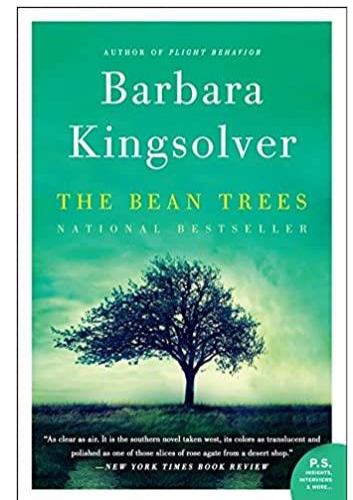
AUDIO-VISUAL *Guild*

After taking a step back from recruitment to continue to refine the system, we are once again seeking volunteers to be a part of the A/V Guild. Don't worry about your level of technical skill. If you can press a button on a remote control, then there's a place for you on the team. If you would like more information, would like to volunteer, or would like to come watch the a/v guild at work on a Sunday to get a sense of what they do, please be in touch with Jake Troiano or Casey Rosseau.

Trinity Book Group

Trinity's Book Group was ready for an uplifting story, so its next selection is *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver. "It is the charming, engrossing tale of rural Kentucky native Taylor Greer, who only wants to get away from her roots and avoid getting pregnant. She succeeds, but inherits a 3-year-old native-American little girl named Turtle along the way, and together, from Oklahoma to Tucson, Arizona, half-Cherokee Taylor and her charge search for a new life in the West."

All are welcome to join this Zoom meeting, slated for Friday, June 18th, at 7:00 pm. To receive a Zoom link, please contact Linda MacGougan. (macgougans@gmail.com)



St. John's Church Vacation Bible School

June 21-25, 9am-noon

We'll learn about God's creation as we explore water, soil, seeds, animals, and harvest. Outdoor, masked, socially distanced.

- Rising kindergarten-6th grade
- \$50 per child (assistance available)
- All are welcome!



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St. John's West Hartford

Kodály's Missa Brevis: A Moment of Remembrance

The churches of Trinity Episcopal, Emanuel Lutheran, and St. John's Episcopal are joining forces to perform Zoltán Kodály's masterwork for organ and choir, the Missa Brevis. Originally written in 1942 as a strictly organ work, Kodály (1882-1967) reworked it into a choral mass in 1945 while sheltering in the basement of the Budapest Opera House, during the height of the Allied bombing. The work was premiered in the cloakroom of the opera house, as it was one of the only rooms still standing during the bombings. The premiere was performed by members of the skeletal opera company, for each other, as gunfire continued raging outside.

Our collaborative production of this will include graduating choristers of the Choir School, section leaders, and hired vocal professionals, recorded by an audio engineer. The mass will be filmed in the sanctuary of Trinity Episcopal Church, with 20 musicians masked and distanced. The resulting concert video will be premiered during the last weekend of May, on a soon-to-be-determined date. All three music directors (Michelle Horsley, Scott Lamlein, and Jonathan Reuning-Scherer) will take turns conducting and playing. This concert is partially sponsored by the Jolidon Fund of the Greater Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

As we hopefully move past this COVID-19 era, we have decided to create a musical offering to recognize the global scale of loss during the pandemic and we have chosen this work as we believe in what it represents. The circumstances of the Kodály Missa Brevis speak to triumph and hope in the midst of strife and devastating isolation. We are lifting this up in response, as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

Michelle Horsley



Budapest – WWII

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 23rd

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

12:30–1:30 P.M.

Day of Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II (Memorial Garden)

Holy Eucharist Rite II (YouTube)

Adult Christian Formation – College Panel (Zoom)

Distribution of Communion (Farmington Ave. Parking Lot)

Monday, May 24th

7:30 P.M.

Life in the Spirit Book Discussion (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 25th

2:00 P.M.

5:15 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

Women Together (Trinity, St. Monica's, St. John's) (Zoom)

Bible Study (Zoom)

Choir School Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, May 27th

12:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

Noonday Prayer Service (Zoom)

Choir School Rehearsal (Church)

Sunday, May 30th

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

11:30–12:30 P.M.

Trinity Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite II (Memorial Garden)

Holy Eucharist Rite II (YouTube)

Distribution of Communion (Farmington Ave. Parking Lot)



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