

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FEAST OF THE REIGN OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 26, 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 worshipping 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 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 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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Le Jardin Suspendu”
(The Hanging Garden)

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1982 Hymnal #494

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People *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.

A Litany for the Restoration of Peace in the Holy Land

from AFEDJ

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.*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM 100

BCP 729

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 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.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Please sit.

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Rejoice! The Lord is King

1982 Hymnal #481



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -



joyce! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -



gain I say, re - joyce!

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Please sit.

SERMON

The Rev. George Chien (UMC, MCC)

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

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,

*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).

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.

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 Ukraine, 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 thanksgivings and 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

Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 549

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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: EUCHARISTIC 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

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 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

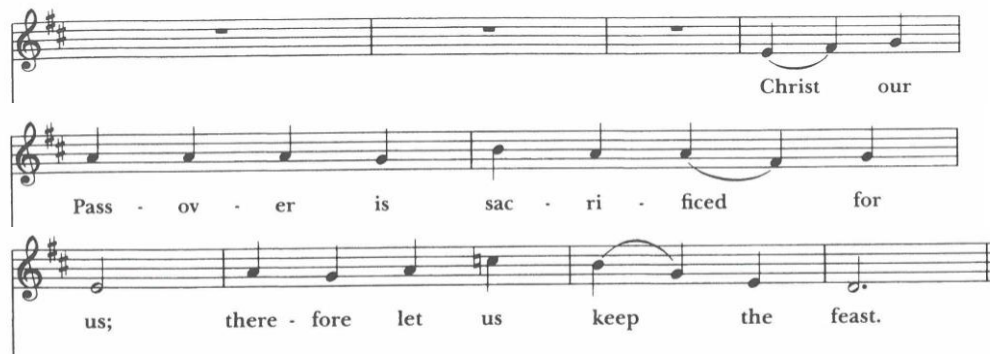
Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver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

1982 Hymnal #S156



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.

Please sit.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Louange À L'éternité De Jésus"
(Praise to the Eternity of Jesus)

Olivier Messiaen (1908- 1992)
arr. S. Duncan

Please stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

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

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862-1917). Music: *Lancashire*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

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 "Fantasia super komm, heiliger Geist" BWV 651
(Come, Holy Ghost)

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

*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 Joe Troiano, Olive and Amanda Tronchin; and Benneth, Corlet, Franklin, Jonathan and Justin Ude.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Woodbury; Grace Church, Yantic; annual parish meetings, committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

We pray for

Viola Cleo Bradshaw
Jane Wilson (sister-in-law of
Kathie Wilson)
Faye, Elizabeth and
Hannah Aliene & their children
Gladys Irizarry
Elizabeth Pierce
Bishop Michael Curry
Fred Margeson
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 Tengtenga
Richard Green (brother of
Peter Green)
Donald Bowens (son of
Dianne Bowens-Waller)
Peter Vreeland

Stuart Paul Duncan joins us today at the organ while Michelle is on Thanksgiving vacation. Stuart Duncan, originally from the South-East of England, has been playing organ and conducting choirs for over two decades. He holds a Doctorate in music composition from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in music theory from Yale University, focused on the music of Benjamin Britten. Stuart has just co-authored a book on Music in Prisons entitled "*Music-Making in U.S. Prisons: Listening to Incarcerated Voices.*" Stuart works at UConn's Graduate School as their Director of Programming and Diversity Recruitment and as an Adjunct Faculty member at Neag School of Education.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider (8:00 AM)
The Rev. Horace Johnson – Presider (10:00 AM)
The Rev. George Chien (UMC, MCC) – Preacher

Readers

Janet Wilkinson (8:00 AM)
Anne Rapkin (10:00 AM)
Cathy Rowe (10:00 AM)

Intercessor

Janet Wilkinson (8:00 AM)
Anne Rapkin (10:00 AM)

Ministers of Communion

Cathy Rowe, Jacqui Lucier, Kate Byroade

Acolyte

Jonathan Garcia

Flowers

Anne Rapkin

Virtual Vergers

Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Intercessory Prayer

Bill Kofalk

Director of Music

Michelle Horsley

Altar Guild

Mary Register, Kitty Peterson

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Announcements

A Note from Rev. D

Thank you to everyone who came to last Sunday's Adult Forum and shared the things that bring you joy in gathering together in Worship at Trinity and things that detract from your worship experience. My hope is that the sharing that happened will lead to conversations that will strengthen our Community and deepen our experiences of worship. In January there will be another opportunity to come together and have dialogue around the things that were put on the table last week. As a note: As has been my custom, we will rotate the Eucharistic Prayer and Prayers of the People on the first Sunday of Advent.

Adult Forums

Observing Advent -- Sunday, December 3, 2023

Our society is so focused on Christmas that it gets harder every year to make room for observing Advent. Yet skipping Advent and moving straight into celebrating Christmas is a little like fast food – it may fill you up, but you won't get the nourishment from it that really sustains you.

After the 10 o'clock Eucharist on December 3, we will gather in the Library to discuss how we can enrich our experience of Advent. To help, we will be providing a family-friendly Advent Devotional Booklet for all who want them. The theme of the devotions is "Naming Jesus," and it explores the connection between the names we call Jesus - Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, and more - and the love and justice he calls us to practice every day.

Join to share your own Advent practices and to consider how this new devotional resource might be used in your family. Even if you can't join us then, please be sure to pick up a copy of the Naming Jesus Devotional Booklet.

Adult Forum Update -- The Spiritual Value of Photography

Because of the enthusiastic response to our October 8 forum on the Spiritual Value of Photography, we invited folks to spend a few hours walking, noticing and photographing our Asylum Hill neighborhood. On Saturday, November 4, six of us gathered to do just that. Rev. D suggested that we take at least three pictures, one of something that surprised us, one of something that delighted us, and one of something that broke our hearts. We went in pairs and took whatever direction seemed interesting. Then we gathered back in the Library over lunch to share our photos and our thoughts.

Did you know that just a five minute walk from Trinity there is a beautiful and touching memorial to Hartford residents killed by gun violence? Or that there is a street nearby with plaques in the sidewalk honoring the original home builder and telling a little of their story? Or that there is a goodly number of beautiful Victorian homes just north of our grounds built right around the time our parish was being founded on Sigourney Street?

Take a few minutes to look at the photographs we took. They are displayed in Goodwin Hall on the Parish Life bulletin board. What you will see is not a display of great photography. It is a peek into what some of your fellow parishioners noticed on a Saturday morning, on Asylum Hill in Hartford – the place where God planted Trinity Church over 160 years ago.

Trinity's 2023 "Giving Tree" Has Arrived!



GIVING TREE

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 is up, with tags for each of the children. Parishioners who wish to participate may choose 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.

NORTH CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST REGION CONVOCATION

“LOVE ONE ANOTHER”



WHEN: Saturday, December 2nd, 8:30am - 2:30pm

**WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church
99 Sand Hill Road
South Windsor, CT 06074**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Jesus says: “love one another”

In our call to love and serve all people, please come and join your NC & NE Region Leadership Teams as we come together to talk about church in the 21st century. Our conversations will be guided by the following four themes:

1. from leaders to left out - seasons of involvement
2. formation - all ages in all places
3. the care and feeding of our clergy
4. where can I find what I need on our ECCT website

In addition, we will also have time for worship and conversation with Bishops Jeff and Laura!

Please register and join us! Registration and more information can be found [HERE](#)



Antiphons

a musical offering on the 7 Medieval antiphons of Advent

Dec. 3rd at 5pm

Trinity Episcopal Church
120 Sigourney St. Hartford

NORTH CENTRAL REGION POTLUCK DINNER FELLOWSHIP



1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

You are warmly invited to join your family in Christ across the North Central Region of Connecticut for food and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share!

WHEN: Sunday November 26th, at 4pm

WHERE: Trinity Episcopal Church
345 Main Street
Portland, CT 06480

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Godly Play Dates for November / December / January

November 12, 19, 26

December 10, 17, 31 No Godly Play on Christmas Eve

January 14, 28

Women Together is a group that gathers weekly on Tuesdays from 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm in the reception room at St. John's (679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT) to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer and fellowship.

On Tuesday November 28, 2023 we will begin discussing *Living Buddha Living Christ* by Thich Nhat Hanh. "Thich Nhat Hanh has been part of a decades-long dialogue between two great contemplative traditions, and brings to Christianity an appreciation of its beauty that could be conveyed only by an outsider.

We will start by reading the Forward, Introduction and Parts 1-3 (through page 33). Don't worry if you haven't received your book yet, just read what you can and join us for discussion.

Please contact Linda MacGougan or Cathy Rowe if you would like additional information.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 26th	Feast of the Reign of Christ
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 28th	
7:00 P.M.	Vestry Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, November 30th	
6:00 P.M.	Choir School Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church)
Friday, December 1st	
7:00 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)
Sunday, December 3rd	The First Sunday of Advent
8:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
11:30 A.M.	Adult Forum – Observing Advent (Library)
5:00 P.M.	O Antiphons (Church)
6:00 P.M.	NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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