

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

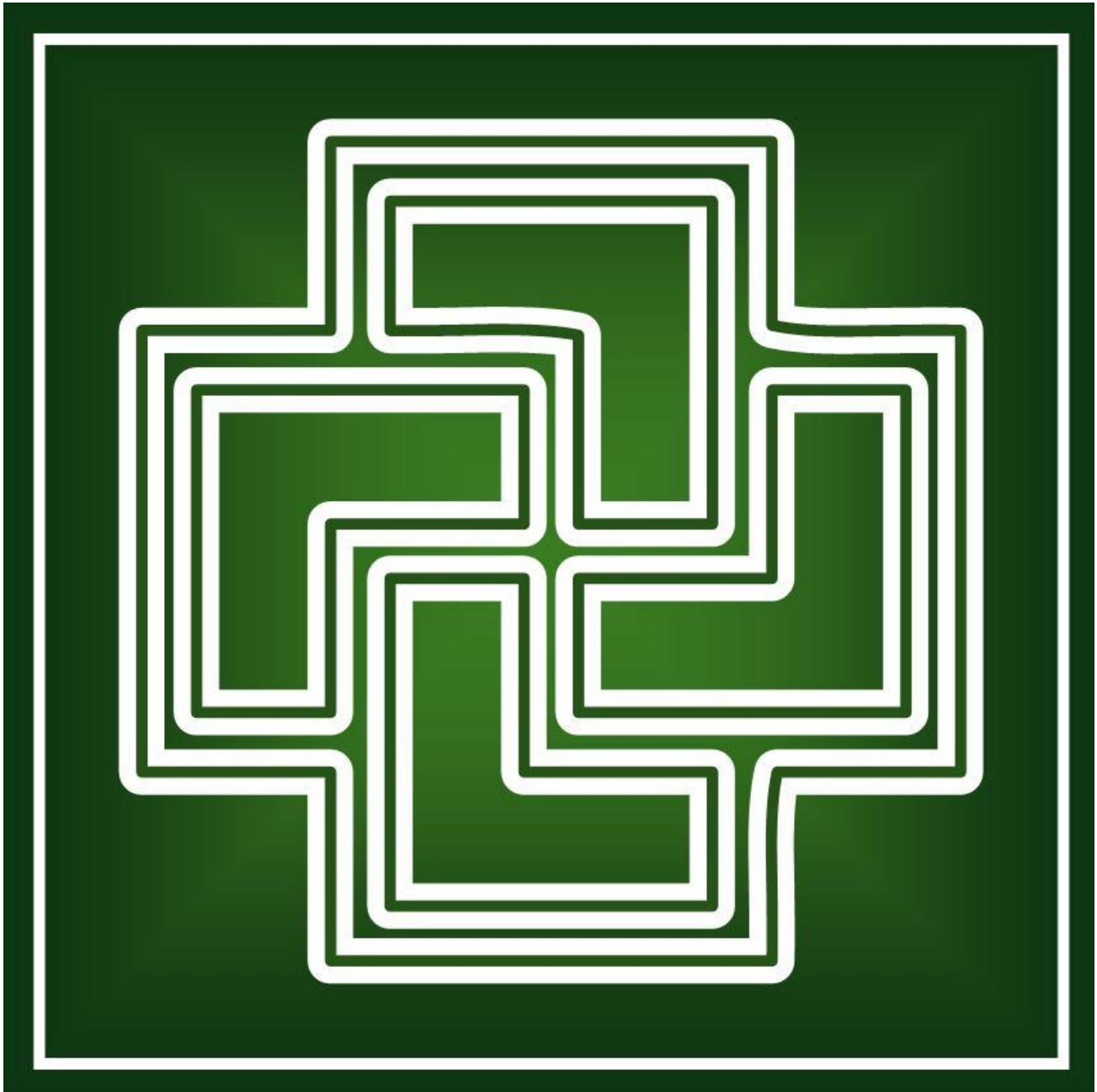
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

10:00 AM

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

**WELCOME**

If you are new to Trinity, we hope you will introduce yourself and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are 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.

**ABOUT OUR WORSHIP**

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

**NAMETAGS**

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

**KIDS IN CHURCH**

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

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

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

**HEARING ASSISTANCE**

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

PRELUDE

Sonata No.1 in F Major, adagio Felix Mendelssohn (1809 -1847)

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth 1982 Hymnal #598

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

GLORIA

1982 Hymnal #S278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading of Holy Scripture.*

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98: 1-10 *Cantate Domino*

BCP P. 727

Anglican Chant: John Camidge II



- 1 Sing to the LORD a / new / song, \*  
for / he has done / marvelous / things.
- 2 With his right hand and his / holy / arm \*  
has he / won for him/self the / victory.
- 3 The LORD has made / known his / victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly / shown in the / sight of the / nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the / house of / Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the / victory / of our / God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, / all you / lands; \*  
lift up your / voice, re/joyce, and / sing.
- 6 Sing to the / LORD with the / harp, \*  
with the / harp and the / voice of / song.
- 7 With trumpets and the / sound of the / horn \*  
shout with joy be/fore the / King, the / LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and / all that is / in it, \*  
the lands and / those who / dwell there/in.
- 9 Let the rivers / clap their / hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he / comes to / judge the / earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he / judge the / world \*  
— / and the / peoples with / equity.

## THE SECOND READING

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.  
People        **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

## The Church's One Foundation

1982 Hymnal #525

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

## THE GOSPEL

**Luke 21:5-19**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Marta S. Rivera Monclova

*Silence for reflection.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

From Enriching Our Worship\*

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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

BCP 392

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

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\*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 "and the Son" was added a few hundred years later by a regional synod and was never adopted by Eastern Orthodox Churches.)

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

### **PRAYER FOR JAMAICA**

Almighty and merciful God, we come before you with heavy hearts for the people of Jamaica, mourning the lives lost and homes destroyed by Hurricane Melissa. Be present, O Lord, with all who grieve, and strengthen those who labor to bring relief and rebuilding. Grant courage to the fearful, comfort to the brokenhearted, and hope to all who struggle amid the ruins. Bless the leaders of the nation with wisdom, compassion, and understanding, that they may guide your people toward healing and renewal. May your Spirit breathe peace over the land and hope for the new creation, and may your love restore what storms have taken away. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR TRANSITION**

Gracious God, we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on Trinity Church. We ask you to keep us centered on You as we await a new Rector. We are grateful to be surrounded always by Your love, and we pray this love will be the foundation of every interaction with each other. We are stronger when we are together in actions, mission and purpose. We are blessed to be on this spiritual journey together. **Amen.**

Church of the Holy Spirit, Harleysville, PA (adapted)

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with the absolution:*

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

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

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott (b.1955)

God so loved the world, so loved the world,  
God so loved the world, so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten son that whoso believeth, believeth in him,  
should not perish but have everlasting life, everlasting, everlasting life.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People And of thine own have we given thee.

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

**BCP 367**

*Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant We now pray in the language of our hearts, as our Savior Christ has taught us,

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

**1982 Hymnal #S161**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mcr - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail. 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 do not wish to receive wine, receiving only Bread imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you.*

*Please be seated.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore thee  
Ludwig Van Beethoven, arr. Patricia A. Sanders

*Please stand as you are able.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP 366**

Let us pray.

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

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the One Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

## Recessional Hymn

**Steal Away**

**LEVAS #103**

## THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Ausencias ("Absences")

Astor Piazzolla (1921 -1992)



## Welcome The Rev. Dr. Marta S. Rivera Monclova

The Rev. Dr. Marta S. Rivera Monclova, grew up in Brooklyn, NY. She likes to be called Mother Marta or Marta. Rev. Marta loves words. She earned both an M.A. and a Ph.D. in English from Tufts University prior to entering ordained ministry. She also holds an M.Div. from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. She currently serves as curate at Trinity's daughter, Grace Church, Hartford, and as a Leadership Fellow at Trinity Wall Street.

Rev. Marta deeply believes in the power and importance of community in the Christian life. That belief led her to found Haven Religious; an Intentional Episcopal Community based a short walk from the Trinity College campus in Frog Hollow. One of her Haven siblings, Mr. Sean Glenn, a talented musician and composer, spiritual director, and clerk of the Haven community, will be joining her this Sunday.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Dr. Marta S. Rivera Monclova

**Director of Music:** Markus Centola

**Trinity Choir & Choristers**

**Lay Readers:** Martha Freimuth, Everett Post

**Intercessor:** Susan Post

**Intercessory Prayer Team:** Bill Kofalk

**Acolyte:** Elizabeth Rousseau

**Minister of Communion:** Marcus Clark

**Godly Play Storyteller & Door Person:** Nancy Crandall, Jacqueline Lucier

**Ushers:** Neill Derick, William A. Kofalk, Sonia Watson, Marc Wiest

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

**Altar Guild:** Marcus Clark, Kitty Peterson, Mary Register, Cathy Rowe, Cecelia Timothy

**Flower Guild:** Jannel Thomas

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## LET US PRAY

**In our Parish Cycle of Prayer** we pray for Marel Thompson, Cecelia Timothy, Beryl Tomlinson, Angelo & Emily Troiano, Jake Troiano, Joe Troiano, and Irwin & Olive Tronchin.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. Paul's, Windham; Grace Church, Windsor, and St. James', Winsted; for ministries with older adults; and for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew & the Daughters of the King.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

### We pray for:

Markus Centola & Family

Mike Amanek

Edith Navarro

Bruce Wazorko

Suliman Foster

Jasmine Drake

Louisa Cummings

Clane Nickols

Irina Mamata & Family

Charles Lewis

Bowens Family

Cathy Rowe and Family

of Daniel Negrelli esp. Karen &

Keira

Francis Sken

George Beach

Cheryl

Lennox

The Lugo and Torres Families

Daryl Todd

The Wentgertzman Family

The Swiatek Family

Bp. Michael Curry

Saydie Eggleston

Viola Cleo Bradshaw

Faye, Elizabeth and

Hannah Aliene & their children

Fred Margeson

Isabella Gevarra

Cassandra Watson

Sonia Watson

Krystal Reid and

Adrian MacLeach

The Wallace Family

Nancy Miller

Margaret Daniel

Tony Charron Vreeland

(son of Peter Vreeland)

Winifred Costa

John E. Robinson


Grace Crooks

Philip Green (son of Peter &

Anne Green)

Stephanie Holland (Niece of

Kitty Peterson)



# North Central Region Intergenerational Gathering

Saturday, November 22, 2025  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bring your family and friends for

## PRAYER

*Interactive and creative Prayer Stations*

## FELLOWSHIP

*Conversations over a shared meal*

## GAMES

*Bingo with prizes*

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**ALL AGES WELCOME!**

In order to ensure enough food, RSVPs are encouraged:  
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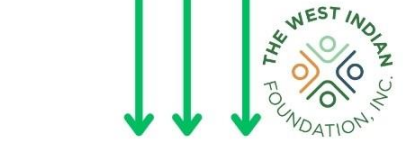


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## **2026 Stewardship Campaign Continues**

Though we had an ingathering of pledge cards on November 9, please know that Trinity's annual stewardship campaign continues. Everyone is invited and encouraged to make a pledge of financial support, to help anchor the future of our parish.

We would like to have as many pledges as possible by December 1 so that the Vestry can look ahead to Trinity's financial commitments for 2026. If you do not have a pledge card and would like one, there are pledge packets on the tables next to the Sunday bulletins, or you may contact the church office to be sent one - 860-527-8133 x 204. You may return the pledge cards in the offering plates or mail them to the office.

You may also make your pledge directly on our **website**: [www.trinityhartford.org/giving/](http://www.trinityhartford.org/giving/).

## **TODAY's Bible Study**

Our Bible Study series, led by Rev. George Chien, continues today, November 16. The study will focus on the scripture lessons for the day, and will be an informal discussion.

These conversations provide an opportunity to delve a little more deeply into God's word, and perhaps to consider the perspectives of others on what these passages mean to them.

Please plan to join us in the Library after the Service.

## **Trinity's 2025 Advent Giving Tree**

This Advent, we are continuing Trinity's tradition of an Advent Giving Tree - a tree set up in the Sanctuary with tags of gift requests from Hartford children via the Adopt-A-Social-Worker program of Covenant to Care.

This year our Adopted Social Worker is with the Maternal Infant Outreach Program of the city of Hartford, which provides services for women up to one year after the birth of their child. Our list includes these very young children and their siblings - a total of seven families.

The 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 around the baptismal font by Sunday, 12/7, when the gifts will be blessed. 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 three weeks to shop for and return the gifts, our Trinity elves will be busy! Please mark your calendars and plan to join in this rewarding ministry.

Questions? Please contact Penny Pearson.

## **Trinity Church Parish Directory**

Remember to stop by the table in Goodwin Hall to update or provide your contact information! You can choose to give just one way to contact you, such as a mailing address, or give multiple methods. Why are we asking you to do this? Because we're a community of people, and we want to be able to communicate with one another!

### **Book Group Meeting - Friday, November 21**

*The Yiddish Policemen's Union* by Michael Chabon will be the featured novel of Trinity's next Book Group meeting. It's a gripping whodunit, a love story, and an exploration of the mysteries of exile and redemption - and is widely available at libraries and bookstores. Jon Reik will host the meeting at his Farmington home on Friday, November 21, from 7:00-8:30ish. Please let Jon know if you plan to attend; he'll send you directions. Everyone is most welcome!

### **Fall Grounds Work Day**

It is the time of year to clean-up Trinity's gardens and lawns in preparation for winter. The Property Team has designated Saturday, **December 6**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon as the third fall grounds workday. Bring your favorite tools and gloves and a friend. Lots of volunteers are needed to cover all of the grounds. Contact Peter Green ([pmgreen76@gmail.com](mailto:pmgreen76@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### **Prayers in the Chapel**

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

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED**

In these times of transition, it seems more important than ever that we nourish the bonds we have with each other as members of Trinity Church. As Pastor Loeppeke pointed out in his sermon last Sunday, we gain strength from each other in difficult times. Coffee hour following the Sunday Service provides time and space for relaxed conversation and fellowship.

Please consider signing up to host coffee hour in the coming weeks and months. If you feel uncomfortable taking on the task all by yourself, ask a friend or two to join you. Refreshments need not be elaborate - a few plates of cookies or fruit will do. There are copies of a "How-to Guide for Coffee Hour" on the tables next to the bulletins. If you have questions, talk to Martha Freimuth or Linda MacGougan. They would be glad to share their experience of participating in this important ministry!

### **Godly Play**

Godly Play is a rich and thoughtful approach to Christian formation, presented through eight volumes of lessons. These lessons create a spiral curriculum that helps children grow in faith, carrying with them an inner understanding of the classical Christian language that can guide them throughout their lives. We joyfully welcome children ages 3 through 18 into our Godly Play sacred space every Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. If you have any questions, Nancy Crandall would be happy to connect with you.

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, November 16

- 9:45 A.M. Godly Play (Education Wing)
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Church)
- 10:00 A.M. Advent Giving Tree Arrives
- 11:30 A.M. Bible Study (Library)
- 6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

## Tuesday, November 18

- 6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:00 P.M. Vestry Meeting (via Zoom)

## Thursday, November 20

- 6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## Friday, November 21

- 7:30 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

## Saturday, November 22

- 10:00 A.M. North Central Region Intergenerational Gathering (ECCT)

## Sunday, November 23

- 9:45 A.M. Godly Play (Education Wing)
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Church)
- 6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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