TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 2025 10:00 AM

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



Good Morning!

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

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS If you are new to Trinity, we hope that you will introduce yourself and sign

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

NAMETAGS In order to make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone

to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, there are stickers and markers at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of

reusable nametags.

KIDS IN CHURCH If you need to step out of the service with your infant or toddler and are in

search of a quite space to spend a few moments, the parent room (at the end of the North Narthex past the door to the Memorial Garden) is open during the 10 AM service. There is no child care attendant so all children must be

accompanied at all times by their parent / guardian.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER Private intercessory prayer is available with members of our Intercessory

Prayer team in the side aisle while Communion is being distributed at the 10:00 AM service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayers requests that will be prayed over

for the next month.

HEARING ASSISTANCE Our church offers assistive listening devices for individuals with hearing

difficulty, allowing them to receive amplified sound directly through their compatible hearing aids. If you need assistance by using an assistive

listening device, please see a church usher.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not

printed in the leaflet can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand,

if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's personal

tradition, for prayer.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

MARCH 30, 2025 10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott BWV. 721 J.S. Bach (1685-1750) "Have mercy on me, Lord my God"

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

1982 Hymnal # 343

INTROIT

O Bon Jesu

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525 -1594)

O bone Jesu! mi sererenobis, Qui a tu creastinos; tu redemistinos Sanguine tuo praetiosis simo. O holy Jesu! pardon our offences, For that thou hast made us thine, And hast redeemed us, Hast redeemed us by thy most precious blood.

Presider

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

God's mercy endures for ever.

Presider

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your

mind, and with all your strength.

Presider

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment

greater than these. "Mark 12:29-31

Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,

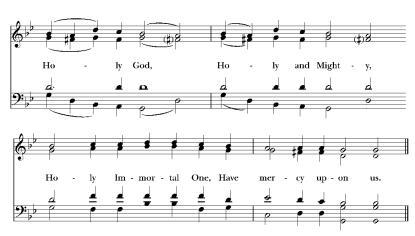
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

TRISAGION

1982 Hymnal # S102



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us Pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32 BCP 624



- 1 Happy are they whose trans/gressions are for/given, * and whose / sin is / put a/way!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord im/putes no / guilt, * and in whose / spirit there / is no / guile!
- While I held my tongue, my bones / withered a/way, * because of my / groaning / all day / long.
- For your hand was heavy upon me / day and / night; * my moisture was dried / up as in the / heat of / summer.
- 5 Then I ack/<u>nowledged</u> my / sin to you, * And / <u>did not</u> con/ceal my / guilt.
- I said," I will confess my trans/gressions to the / Lord." *
 Then you forgave me the / guilt of my / sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in / time of / trouble; * when the great waters over/flow, they / shall not / reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you pre/<u>serve me</u> from / trouble; * you sur/<u>round me</u> with / <u>shouts of</u> de/liverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that / you should / go; * I will / guide you / with my / eye.



- Do not be like horse or mule, which have / no <u>under</u>/standing; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or / <u>else they</u> will / not stay / near you."
- Great are the tribu/lations of the / wicked; * but mercy embraces / those who / trust in the / Lord.
- Be glad, you righteous, and re/joice in the / Lord; * shout for joy, / all who are / true of / heart.

THE SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 1982 Hymnal # 686

THE GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Presider The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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.

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.

^{*}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).

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 V

BCP 389

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found

without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Jeffrey and Laura, our own Bishops, for all bishops

and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and

that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the

ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may

receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among

nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity

and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who live and work in this community we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that

the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all

who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For this congregation, for those who are present and for those who are worshipping

online, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all

that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and

neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray

to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known

to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no

pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

and all our life to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord our God.

The people are invited to add their petitions silently or aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

ALL O Eternal God, who leads us all by new ways: Grant us an adventurous spirit. Make us willing to attempt new tasks and face new ways as we seek together your Kingdom and righteousness. Give us the gift of love, which believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things; and so, inspire our worship of you and our service to the world, that there may be raised upon the ruins which sin and strife have made, the city whose builder and maker is God.

Edward Arthur Burroughs (adapted)

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please sit

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Aumbry Candle is lit the weeks of March 30 & April 6 to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Steve Smith, by his wife Martha Freimuth.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER BCP 830

All

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN

If with all Your Hearts Ye Truly Seek Me

from the oratorio Elijah, Op. 70 Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

Enriching our Worship, p. 57

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.

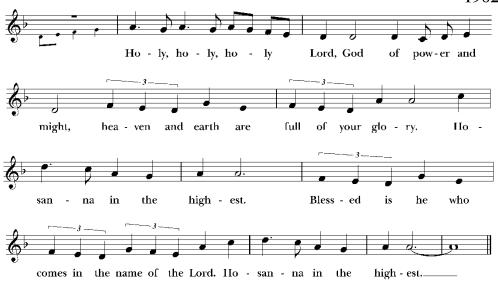
Presider

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

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Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day 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.

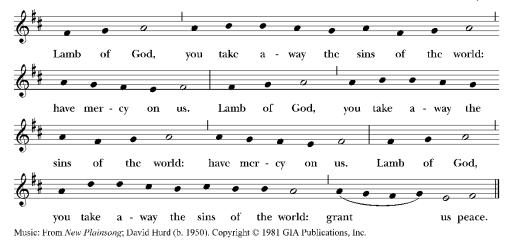
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

Now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.



All are invited to stand or kneel at the communion rail. If you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers 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

Litany to the Holy Spirit

Peter Hurford (1930- 2019)

In the hour of my distress When temptations me oppress, And when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me! Comfort me!

When I lie within my bed, Sick in heart and sick in head, Yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me! Comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep, And the world is drowned with sleep, Yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me! Comfort me!

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Presider

Let us pray.

All

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 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. 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

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider

Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize our weakness and put our whole trust in your strength, so that we may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

People

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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 to make whatever choice is best for you.



Please Welcome The Rev. Cecil Tengatenga

Trinity is delighted to welcome The Rev. Tengatenga as today's presider and preacher.

Rev. Cecil Tengatenga is a trained educator with over a decade of teaching in public schools and running public health program for local and federal government. Rev. Tengatenga is also a health systems scientist whose research and pastoral clinical work focuses on addressing the complex implementation of health programs across multiple systems and providing bioethical consultation on health equity matters. Cecil is a cradle Episcopalian raised in the Anglican Church in Malawi and Zimbabwe. Cecil trained for ministry at Yale Divinity School and was ordained for the priesthood in January 2024. Rev. Tengatenga lives in New Haven with their partner Lindsey, daughters Sekai and Shamiso, and pets.

Today Special Guest Performer Tenor Lwazi Hlati

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you all! This Sunday, March 30th at 10:00 am, Trinity Church will welcome tenor Lwazi Hlati as our guest performer. Lwazi will enrich our Lenten service with sacred arias and spirituals, adding a beautiful and inspiring dimension to our worship.

He is the 2024 American Opera Idol, awarded by Connecticut Opera, and his performance will be a unique highlight of our Lenten season. Lwazi will perform alongside the Trinity Choir and the Choir School of Hartford, contributing to a unique and enriching experience for our community.

Lwazi is an accomplished tenor, originally from Johannesburg, South Africa, and serves as an adjunct voice professor at Eastern Texas Baptist University. His prestigious academic background includes a master's degree, a Performer's Diploma, and a Graduate Artistic Certificate in Opera Performance. His career has seen him perform in leading roles with top opera companies, including Dallas Opera, Fort Worth Opera, and Opera North, among many others.

After the service, Lwazi will be performing a solo concert at the Artist Collective in Hartford at 2:00 pm, located at 1200 Albany Ave, Hartford, CT.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Cecil Tengatenga Director of Music: Markus Centola Trinity Choir & Choristers

Acolytes: Jonathan Garcia, Elizabeth Rousseau Lay Readers: Austin Mogor, Martha Freimuth

Ministers of Communion: Suzanne Blancaflor, Kate Byroade, Marcus Clark,

Jacqueline Lucier, Clement Mogor, Cathy Rowe Ushers: Neill Derick, William A. Koflack, Sonia Watson

Intercessor: Alan Rice

Virtual Vergers: Mark MacGougan, Casey Rousseau, Jake Troiano Altar Guild: Marcus Clark, Kitty Peterson, Mary Register, Cathy Rowe, Cecelia Timothy Flower Guild: Rev. George Chien, Betty Plumley, Jannel Thomas, Percy Williamson, Peter Green Godly Play Teacher: Nancy Crandall

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

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In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Marcus & Leslyn Clark, Kevin & Laura Collins, Sandi Cone, Nancy Crandall.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for All Saints', Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam; Collaborative ministries & all Ministry Networks.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Iglesia Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

We pray for:

Cathy Rowe and Family of Daniel Negrelli esp. Karen & Keira Francis Sken

George Beach Yvonne Cheek 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

Winifred Costa John E. Robinson Grace Crooks

Philip Green (son of Peter &

Anne Green)

Stephanie Holland (niece of

Kitty Peterson)
J.B. Parke
Jennifer Stephens
Laurie Lavoie
Carmen Belgrave
Katie Reynolds
Louise Krippenstapel
Carlene Lewis
Judy Miller
Valentina Moore
Lindsey Tengatenga
Richard Green (brother of

Peter Green) Peter Vreeland

Indoor / Outdoor Workday Planned For Saturday, April 5, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Your help is needed! No tools are necessary. There's no sign-up. Come stay as long as you are able. Enjoy fellowship along with coffee and donuts.

Questions? Speak to Vinnie Pacileo or contact Peter Green at pmgreen76@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE! April 6, 2025

Adult Christian Formation Lenten Series LISTENING FOR GOD IN A NOISY WORLD

THE LABYRINTH A PRACTICE OF WALKING AND PRAYING

"While a labyrinth has but one pathway to the center, and it may have many turns, it will always lead you to the center. Thus, we are reminded to trust the path we are on in our life."

Trinity Church is blessed to have a beautiful, paved labyrinth in the space known as the Memorial Garden. We often use the space for worship, and it is where we light the new fire of Easter for our annual Easter Vigil. Although it is a community space, though, it can also be a place for a deeply spiritual experience of individual or communal prayer.

Please plan to join us on April 6 after the Service, when Susan and Everett Post will lead us on an exploration of the use of the labyrinth in spiritual life.

1 Bill Ludwig in Chasing Labyrinths

Book Group Meeting

God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater, a funny satire by Kurt Vonnegut, is the book to be discussed at Trinity's Book Group meeting in April. All are welcome to attend! Jon Reik will host the group at his home in Farmington; please let him know if you plan to attend so he knows how much coffee to make. (jon720@aol.com) The date is Friday, April 11th, from 7 - 9 pm.

Vestry Nominating Committee

The Vestry Nominating Committee invites members of the Trinity community to nominate future church leaders. The Nominating Committee will present a slate to the Vestry at April's meeting on Tuesday, April 15th. The next class of vestry members will be critically important, as they join the current vestry in selecting our new clergy leader! Please see any member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in serving and for questions. Committee members are Marsha McCurdy Adell, Suzanne Blancaflor, Althea Francis, Heather Kramer, Valerie Pogue, Jennifer Stephens and Kate Steven.

God's Peace.

Jacqueline and Leslyn

GODLY PLAY

During Lent we are following Jesus through the stories of:

- His birth and growth
- When he was lost and found
- His Baptism and blessing by God
- In the desert and discovery experience
- As a healer and parable maker
- Iesus offers the bread and wine
- The One who was Easter and still IS

All children age 2 1/2 yrs and above are welcomed into our Godly Play sacred space every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays at 9:45 and are joined with their caregivers in church about 10:40.

Questions? Please speak to Nancy Crandall in person or text at 860-503-3353

A Message from the Prayer Team

At Trinity Church we believe in the power of prayer.

- Your written prayer requests are welcome. There are prayer jars on tables at both entrances in which you are invited to place prayer requests. You may also call or email the church office to make a prayer request. During the week, written requests will be collected and prayed over privately. At your discretion, such requests can be placed in the Sunday service leaflet. Prayer requests will be published for four weeks, then deleted unless you choose to renew them by contacting the Parish Administrator.
- Intercessors are stationed in the south (lectern side) aisle of the Nave during communion each Sunday. Please approach them if you desire a moment of personal prayer. All personal prayers will remain confidential.

Dear GHIAA:

As part of our ongoing fiscal policy reform campaign, we are excited to announce:

A Conversation on CT's Fiscal Roadblocks with House Speaker Matt Ritter, joined by members of the Hartford Legislative Delegation.

A GHIAA and CT For All event to compel policy change on CT's path to passing a budget that invests in community needs.

Tuesday, April 8, 6:00-7:30 pm

Immanuel Congregational Church, 10 Woodland St., Hartford

ASL & Spanish interpretation provided.

Please register at https://www.tfaforms.com/5170834 and spread the word by sharing the event flyer in English and Spanish. We are aiming to fill the sanctuary – GHIAA organizers will be in touch with leaders from our congregations to coordinate turnout!

We are grateful for the collaboration between Immanuel Congregational Church, Asylum Hill Congregational Church, GHIAA, and CT For All in organizing this event. See you on April 8!

Peace,

Jocelyn and the GHIAA Team

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 30th The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

11:30 A.M. Adult Forum – BCP as a Spiritual Resource (Library)

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

Tuesday, April 1st

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

Thursday, April 3rd

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

7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

Friday, April 4th

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

Saturday, April 5th

9:00 A.M. Indoor / Outdoor Workday

5:00 P.M. Anambra State Indene's of CT Nigerian Fell (Library)

Sunday, April 6th The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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

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