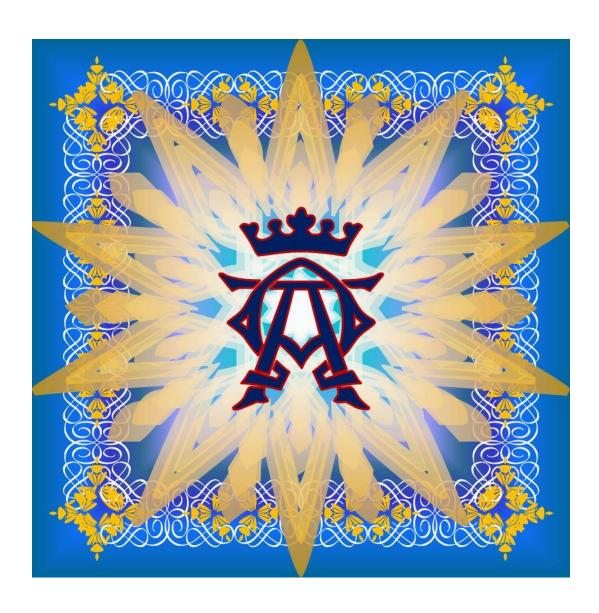
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FEAST OF THE REIGN OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 10:00 A.M.

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 Coloring notebooks and crayons are available at each Sanctuary entrance.

Please feel free to let your kids color and otherwise be themselves during the

worship service. All are welcome as they are, including kids!

If you need to step out of the service with your infant or toddler and are in search of a quite space to spend a few moments, the parent room (at the end of the North Narthex past the door to the Memorial Garden) is open during the 10 AM service. There is no child care attendant so all children must be

accompanied at all times by their parent / guardian.

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

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

for the next month.

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

printed in the leaflet can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand, if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's personal

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tradition, for prayer.

THE FEAST OF THE REIGN OF CHRIST HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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PRELUDE

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

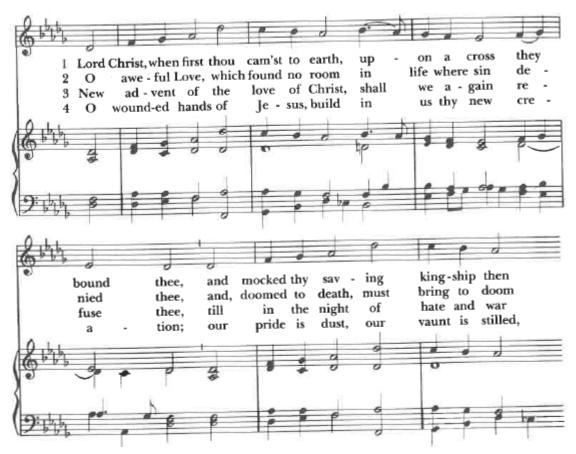
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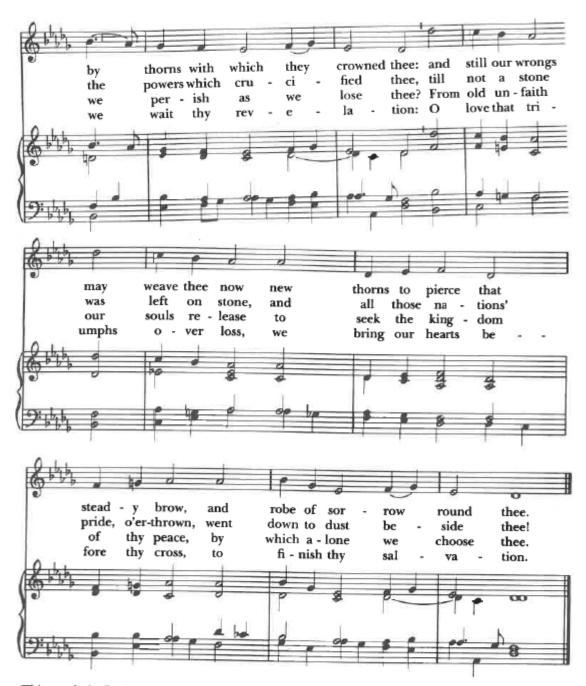
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand.

GATHERING HYMN Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth

1982 Hymnal #598





This music in D, 408.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.

Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquente de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

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Presider *People*

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.



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.

THE FIRST READING 2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted,

the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

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

Please stand.

PSALM 132:1-13 BCP 785



- 1 Lord, re/member / David, * and all the / hardships / he en/dured;
- 2 How he swore an / oath to the / Lord * and vowed a vow to the / Mighty / One of / Jacob:
- 3 "I will not come under the / roof of my / house," * nor / climb up / into my / bed;
- 4 I will not allow my / eyes to / sleep, * nor / let my / eyelids / slumber;
- 5 Until I find a / place for the / Lord, * a dwelling for the / Mighty / One of / Jacob."
- 6 "The ark! We / heard it was in / Ephratah; * We / found it in the / fields of / Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to / <u>God's</u> / dwelling place; * let us fall upon our / knees be/fore his / footstool."
- 8 Arise, O / Lord, into your / resting-place, * you and the / ark / of your / strength.
- 9 Let your priests be / clothed with / righteousness; * let your faithful / people / sing with / joy.
- 10 For your servant / David's / sake, * do not turn away the / face of / you're a/nointed.
- 11 The Lord has sworn an / oath to / David; * in / truth, he / will not / break it:
- 12 "A son, the / <u>fruit of your / body * will I / set up/on your / throne.</u>
- 13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that / I shall / teach them, * their children will sit upon your / throne for / ever/more."

Please sit.

THE SECOND READING Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

1982 Hymnal #397



Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947).

THE GOSPEL John 18:33-37

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON The Rev. Cn. Tim Hodapp

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, 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.

^{*}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).

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;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

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

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

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

AllEver-present God,

You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.

We are not where we started.

We have not reached our destination.

We are not sure where we are or who we are.

Be among us, we pray.

Calm our fears, save us from discouragement,

And help us to stay on course.

Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey to this

Unknown place continues as a journey of trust.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 359

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

Silence may be kept.

AllMost 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. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC Simple Gifts

Shaker hymn, adapt. & arranged by John Coates Jr.

- 1. 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be; And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

 When true simplicity is gained, To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;

 To turn, turn will be our delight, Till by turning, turning we come out right.
- 2. 'Tis the gift to be gentle, 'tis the gift to be fair, 'Tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air; And ev'ry day to walk in the path we choose, 'Tis the gift that we pray we may ne'er come to lose. When true simplicity is gained, To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed; To turn, turn will be our delight, Till by turning, turning we come out right.
 - 3. 'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the best gift of all, Like a quiet rain, it blesses where it falls; And if we have the gift, we will truly believe 'Tis better to give than it is to receive.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY

Presider

Gracious God,

All

in these times of anguish and distress, we turn to you with hearts full of gratitude. We thank you for the incredible power of your compassionate love that sustains us. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of participating in the work of your Spirit, binding us together as a community of faith and shaping us into the body of Christ—a caring and nurturing parish family.

Empower us, Lord, to be faithful stewards of our time, talent, and treasure. May our gifts reflect your generosity and help us build the City of God, the only true sanctuary in our world. Amen.

Please stand or adopt another posture of prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

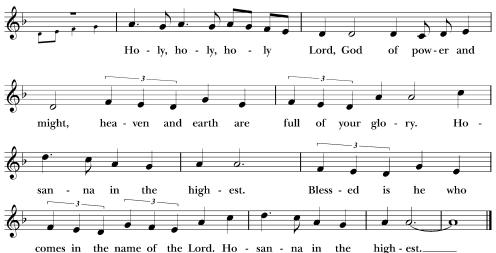
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ, 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:



Presider

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,

All

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Presider

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 your sons and daughters; 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.

People

Amen.

Presider We now pray in the language of our hearts, as our Savior Christ has taught us, *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 for ever. Amen.

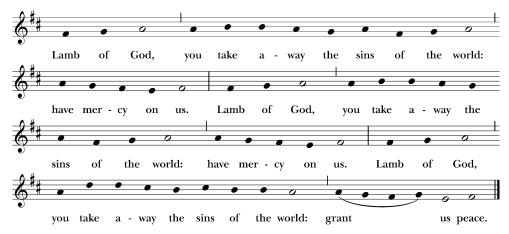
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

1982 Hymnal #S161



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Bist du bei mir (If you are with me)

J. S. Bach

Please stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

#689

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

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the One Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and

remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

CLOSING HYMN



THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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.



The Aumbry Candle is lit this week to the glory of God and in loving memory of Valerie Holder.



Please Welcome The Rev. Cn. Tim Hodapp, Canon for Congregations & Transitions

The Rev. Cn. Tim Hodapp joined The Commons staff in 2012. From coaching to working with congregations in transition, he has served ECCT in many capacities at the executive level.

In his latest capacity as Canon for Congregations & Transitions, he collaborated with clergy and vestries across ECCT to discern next steps in the clergy transition process and to invite parishes to ask the question: "What is God inviting us to pay attention to?"

Says Tim: "In 2012, I was invited to join you in serving God's mission here in Connecticut. Gerard and I couldn't have imagined the life we'd encounter on this adventure which continues to be one of the greatest privileges of my life. And while God's plans aren't always mine, the choice of 'what's next' certainly is. Retirement is the right choice — exciting and a bit daunting — and now is the right time. Connecticut is our home, which inevitably offers a lot of familiarity as we write this next chapter.

Thank you for the pleasure of serving alongside you; and I look forward to continuing to join you and Jesus, following the Spirit's lead for whatever's ahead here in ECCT."

"Tim's service to ECCT has been one of servant ministry," says the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello. "Over his 11 years on staff, he has assumed leadership in multiple capacities and been instrumental in helping us imagine a new way of being church in the 21st century. I look forward to continuing to work with Tim as a clergy colleague in ECCT, and am excited for Tim in this next chapter of his life and ministry."

Says the Rt. Rev. Dr. Laura Ahrens about Tim's departure: "It has been an absolute joy to share in ministry with the Rev. Cn. Tim Hodapp. His energy, vision, and passion for God's mission was, and is, a constant source of inspiration for me. I will miss our collaborative work and his kindness. He is a true gift to the Church!"

Tim's last day at The Commons will be December 20, 2024.

LET US PRAY

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott; St. Paul's, Woodbury; The Program & Budget Committee, and Faith & Order Commission.

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

We pray for:

Boo Morton and Faye, Elizabeth and Stephanie Holland (niece of

Suzanne Blancaflor Hannah Aliene & their children Kitty Peterson)
Ricado "Ricky" Elliott Elizabeth Pierce L.B. Parke

Robin Hardy Fred Margeson **Jennifer Stephens Edward Elmore** Isabella Gevarra Laurie Lavoie Gloria Caraballo Cassandra Watson Paulette McCurdy Rhonda McKenzie Ms Ledbetter Sonia Watson Carmen Belgrave Doreen Myrick Krystal Reid and Johanna Ramos Adrian MacLeach Kate Smith Kenneth Timothy The Wallace Family Katie Revnolds Louise Krippenstapel Merides Matos Nancy Miller

Barbara Jean Elmore Phillip Andrews (brother of Carlene Lewis Cheryl Dianne Bowens-Waller) Judy Miller
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Winifred Costa
Peter Green)
The Swiatek Family
John E. Robinson
Bp. Michael Curry
Grace Crooks
Peter Green)
Donald Bowens (son of Dianne Bowens-Waller)

Saydie Eggleston Philip Green (son of Peter & Peter Vreeland

Viola Cleo Bradshaw Anne Green)

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. Cn. Tim Hodapp – Presider & Preacher

Readers Altar Guild

George Chien Mary Register, Kitty Peterson, Cathy Rowe, Marcus

Clark, Cecelia Timothy

Intercessor
Anne Rapkin
Director of Music
Markus Centola

Ministers of Communion

Virtual Vergers
Ushers
Casey Rousseau
Neill Derick, Zaida Martinez, Sonia Watson
Jake Troiano

Intercessory Prayer Altar Flowers
Anne Rapkin Anne Rapkin

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Trinity's 2024 Giving Tree

Additional tags will be on the tree on 11/24

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

Our tree will be up on Sunday, 11/17, with tags for each of the children. Parishioners who wish to participate may chose a tag on this or a subsequent Sunday, purchase the item and place the gift around the baptismal font by Sunday 12/8, when they 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 3 weeks to shop for and return the gifts, our elves will by busy! Please mark your calendars and plan to join in this festive event.

Questions? Please contact Penny Pearson.

Women Together - December 3

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

On Tuesday December 3, 2024 we will begin discussing *In the Bleak Midwinter through Advent and Christmas with Christina Rossetti by Rachel Mann* © 2019. If you haven't read the book, you are welcome to come and join the discussion anyway. "This book explores the power of Advent and the joy of Christmas through the poetry of Christina Rossetti. Best known for her poems-turned-carols In the Bleak Midwinter and Love Came Down at Christmas, Rossetti's rich and wondrous faith provides an inspiring seasonal companion. For each day from Advent Sunday to the Epiphany, Rachel Mann selects a poem and reflects on it, drawing on Rossetti's many other writings including her devotional journals and commentary on biblical narratives. At a time when commercial pressures are at their most intense, this volume aims to lead readers to an encounter with God's time and space, to find our true identity beyond all that would limit and diminish our humanity."

The books we choose are usually available at libraries, <u>amazon.com</u> and other booksellers. WT has been attended by women from St. John's, Trinity, St. James and St. Monica's. Please contact Cathy Rowe if you would like additional information.

2025 Stewardship Packets Available

If you have not received a 2025 Stewardship packet in the mail, packets are available on the tables next to the Sunday bulletins, or you may contact the Church Office to be sent a packet - 860-527-8133 x204. We hope to have all pledges received by December 1 so that we can look ahead to 2025 at Trinity's financial commitments.

Advent Quiet Day: Saturday, December 7, 2024

The Companions of the Holy Cross invite you to a Quiet Day at St. Albans Church in Simsbury, on December 7, from 10 to 1. Lunch of homemade soups is included. Our Quiet Day will be led by The Rev. John Van Siclen, Chaplain to the Hartford Chapter. The reflections offered for the Quiet Day will be on "Thresholds". In Celtic spirituality, thresholds are seen as opportunities for growth, self-discovery, and deeper connection with the spiritual world.

Our vocation statement is: Companions are a community of women, Christ's disciples, called by God to a life of prayer, transformation, and reconciliation within ourselves, within our Companionship, within our faith communities, and within the whole of creation.

Please contact Kate Smith: Kate48smith@comcast.net for questions and if you wish to attend.

ADVENT 2024 AT TRINITY CHURCH

The Flower Guild of Trinity Church invites you to share in preparing our sacred space for the Season of Advent. Advent is a period of four Sundays preceding Christmas, this year beginning on December 1st.

As in the past, we will decorate the windowsills of the nave with manger scenes (also called creches or nativities.) Many such nativities have been donated over the years but there is always room for more. If you would like to give or loan a creche this Advent, please bring it in to church on Sunday in November or December. We especially enjoy nativities reflecting a diversity of traditions and ethnicities, and in various styles of artistry.

Manger scenes will remain on display through the Christmas season and will be removed after Epiphany.

Through the Advent season our Advent wreath will be lit each Sunday, and greenery and candles will begin to fill our space and our entryways. The church's large nativity will be placed in the baptistry. After the 10 AM service on Sunday, December 22, there will be a Hanging of the Greens, where volunteers are invited to help change the hangings on the altar and in the nave from Advent blue to Christmas white and red. We'll arrange poinsettias and other Christmas flowers that day, hang wreathes and garlands, and generally prepare the space for Christmas Eve, when we will celebrate with one service at 7:30 PM.

Your help in making all these things happen will be much appreciated.

Volunteers Needed for our — Carols ~ Crafts ~ Cookies! On December 8th

Our holiday celebration of Carols ~ Crafts ~ Cookies event is just around the corner, and we'd love your help to make it fun and successful!

Here's how you can pitch in:

- Assist at the Craft Table: Help others create ornaments for the Goodwin Hall Christmas tree.
- Bring Holiday Treats: Share your favorite homemade cookies or holiday goodies.
- Request a Carol: Drop your Christmas tune request in the box outside the sanctuary by Dec. 1.
- Kitchen Help: Warm up hors d'oeuvres on Sunday morning.
- Set Up and Serve: After the worship service, help set out the food for all to enjoy.
- Clean Up Crew: Lend a hand in tidying up after the event.
- Decorating: Join us on Saturday, Dec. 7th at 1:30 pm to set up and decorate for the event.

If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out to: Kate Byroade, Cathy Rowe, or Linda MacGougan.

As the saying goes, "The more, the merrier!" Let's make this festive occasion a true celebration for our community at Trinity!

Join Our Choir! You're Invited!

We know you've heard it before, but we want to remind you: Everyone is welcome to join our choir! Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to make a joyful noise, there's a place for you here.

Why Join?

- Share your love of music
- Build friendships within our church community
- Enrich our worship experience together

When: Rehearsals every Thursday, 7:00 -8:30 p.m.

Where: The Choir Room

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect and contribute! If you have any questions or want to learn more, feel free to reach out to the Director of Music, Markus Centola, email: mcentola@trinityhartford.org.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 24th
10:00 A.M.
6:00 P.M.

Feast of the Reign of Christ
Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church)
NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Tuesday, November 26th

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

Thursday, November 28th Thanksgiving Day

The Office and Church are closed

Friday, November 29th

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

Sunday, December 1st The First Sunday of Advent

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Rite II (Church) 6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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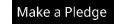
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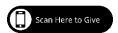
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