

THE STILL SMALL VOICE

NEWSLETTER FOR TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE GREEN



**Lent/
Easter
2011**



Dear Members of Trinity Church on the Green,

We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Luk De Volder has accepted

our call and will become Trinity's next Rector, beginning Trinity Sunday, June 19. Luk and his wife Tiffany are excited to join our community.

Fluent in English, Dutch and French, Luk is 39 years old and grew up in Belgium. A doctoral candidate in theology, Tiffany is from the U.S. and grew up in Boston.

Currently, Luk (pronounced "Luke") is Rector at Christ Church, Clermont-Ferrand, France, having begun there as Vicar in 2005. Christ Church is a parish in the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, and serves expatriate Americans working and living in France.

Luk is enthusiastic about coming to Trinity, getting to know us, and working with all to continue nurturing our growth as a parish. Please join the Vestry and Search Committee in welcoming Luk and Tiffany to our community. We have a bright future ahead of us!

Sincerely,

Barb Hedberg and Warner Marshall, Wardens



Dear Members and Friends of Trinity Church on the Green,

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that I accept your call to be the next rector of Trinity Church on the Green. The search process that you have conducted with much prayer and grace has offered me and my wife

Tiffany the opportunity to become well acquainted with the inspiring vitality of Trinity's community.

Every step of the search process has left me increasingly intrigued by you, captivated even. I admire your wonderfully diverse forms of liturgy and music, your generous programs, your interest in Christian education, and your commitment to bring life and hope to the people of New Haven. Your great and historic journey thus far has been a rich one marked by sound and graced leadership: clergy, staff and laity.

Now, you are being called to a new stage on your journey, and this moment is ripe with hope and energy. The coming years will surely be marked

by blessings, growth, challenge, and adventure, as all worthwhile journeys are. I am blessed to be your guide on the journey, and I can't wait to see the ways in which God's abundant grace will infuse Trinity's future. As the letter to the Ephesians so beautifully says: *God's power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.* So, let us together ask and imagine.

I would like to thank all the members of the vestry and the search committee for their prayers and diligent ministry during this process. Their contagious warmth, enthusiasm, and love for Trinity is stirring in me a jubilant impatience to meet the whole community of Trinity Church on the Green.

Our journey with you begins with adventure as we now joyfully cross a wide ocean to return together to Tiffany's beloved New England, especially to join your Trinity Church on the Green. Until God unites us—God willing—on Trinity Sunday, *may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.*

Yours in Christ,

Luk De Volder

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Average Worship Attendance by month

Month	7:45	9:00	11:00	2:00	5:00
January	22	52	164	48	125
February	21	65	152	61	
March	30	63	138	54	85

Letter from the Rev. Lucy LaRocca



Dear Friends in Christ,

I have been so blessed to serve as Associate Rector of Trinity Church. Surely, God is at work in this place; with and through and among you. As we knew when I began my time here, my contract was to be for a one year term, and so I needed to remain "open to a call." We considered very seriously if my title should not be

"Interim Associate Rector."

That being said, it is bittersweet that must I tell you that I have accepted a call to become the Vicar of Zion Episcopal Church in North Branford, CT. Zion was one of a number of parishes that I have been in conversation with during this time. We began this process together in September.

My last Sunday at Trinity will be May 1st, the week after Easter Day. I am glad that we will be traveling through Lent and sharing our Easter joy with one another. I love you and will miss you. You will soon be embarking on a new chapter in the life of this Church and welcoming your new rector. God has good things in store for the people of Trinity!

Peace and Blessings,

Lucy+

Tons of Food Campaign Returns to Trinity



The 11th annual Tons of Food Drive is only days away! Four downtown New Haven parishes—Trinity, Bethesda Lutheran, Metropolitan Community Church and the Church of St. Paul & St. James—will be collecting non-perishable food items on **March 27** and **April 3** and **10** to help stock the food pantries in New Haven. Won't you help us?

Each week, the collection is weighed and the weekly results posted on Trinity's website (www.trinitynewhaven.org). The standings of the four participating churches will be posted weekly, so we can rally support for the next week's weigh-in.

Bring your donations to church on one of these Sundays; the church that collects the most food (in pounds) gets bragging rights for the next year! If you prefer to make a cash donation, we count every dollar as being worth two pounds of food! Make your check out to Trinity, and write "Tons of Food" in the memo. Thanks, everyone.

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Letter from the Rev. James Sell



Dear friends,

Probably most of you never had the chance to meet Frank Warner. He was a gentle man who lived a rather private life. When he was a young child, he moved into a home on Dwight Street, in New Haven, with his parents. He remained in that home until his health began to deteriorate and he moved into a local retirement community. He was

an only child who never married or had a family. He spent his career working as a claims adjuster, retiring from Transamerica. A life long member of Trinity, he spoke so fondly of his life in our youth group and on the basketball team.

Whenever I visited Frank, he insisted that I join him for lunch. He had a modest sandwich of American cheese slices and mayonnaise. Of course, I joined him in this sacred meal.

After a terrible bout with lung cancer, Frank died on March 10. His godson and I were there shortly before he went to heaven.

This past Monday, a small gathering assembled at Hawley Lincoln Funeral Home to bid him farewell. At that time, his attorney took me aside to let me know that Frank had remembered Trinity in his will. Our endowment will be the

recipients of approximately one million dollars from his estate.

I would have never imagined it. Frank was a faith-filled man who tried to live a decent life. But this? To me, it felt like a miracle. Times are so tough and Trinity will still have to continue to struggle to find ways to balance its distressed budget. But, Frank's vision and grace have become a model for us. When all of us pledge, we really can honor Frank's generosity.

I realize that he probably now becomes more "noteworthy" in Trinity in death than he ever was in life. But, let me tell you. Every time I eat a plain American cheese sandwich with mayonnaise, I will think of Frank A. Warner, Jr. and give thanks for his life.

Very best love,

Vestry Highlights: January

Warden's Report: Barbara Hedberg, Senior Warden, reminded everyone of the two special Vestry meetings in January and the special meeting after the Annual Meeting. She thanked everyone for their hard work throughout this past year, especially those who are retiring from the Vestry.

Peg Chambers passed out a proposal to install bumpers in front of the Tablets in the Narthex to prevent damage from chairs placed in front of them. She pointed out that Trinity spent considerable money in restoring these Tablets and we do not want to do any additional damage. Peg also pointed out that the cost of the bumpers is being financed by an anonymous donor. A motion was made and seconded to accept the offer of the bumpers. The motion was approved.

Stewardship Report: Rose Pawlikowski reported that we are at 91.2% of our goal.

Treasurer's Report: Heather Alexopoulos reported on the status of the 2010 budget. She reported that there was an \$83,000 shortfall which will be made up by cuts and increased withdrawal from the endowment. Heather went on to explain the changes in the 2011 budget.

Guidelines Update: Mary Ann Stroup reported on the presentation of the proposed Guidelines for operating the Vestry.

Holiday Bazaar Report: Mary Ann Stroup reported that the 2010 Bazaar realized \$31,000 which brings the total from all the Bazaars to \$338,000. She said that there is one window left to renovate and three more need protective glass. Mary Ann announced that starting next year (2011) the proceeds will go into the stained glass reserve fund.

Prayer Shawls and ECW: Gloria Hoda explained about the shawls that have been distributed. She went on to describe the upcoming ECW meeting.

Barbara Lamb reported on an Outreach award that Trinity will be receiving. It was decided that the Wardens, Barbara Lamb and Len Schiraldi should represent Trinity and receive the award.

Leigh Cromey reported about Abraham's Tent at St. Paul and St. James and how the week went.

The Rev. Jim Sell said that he would like to thank the members of the retiring Vestry and the Clerk. Each retiring member was given time to reflect on their term in office.

TRINITY'S CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6: A HUGE SUCCESS

By: Eleanor Q. Tignor



Each year the African American Read-In is a celebration that brings us together to read, to listen, to learn, and to be inspired by voices from the African American past and present and by the ways in which we present those voices. The readers all select their texts very carefully, rehearse them, and bring them to the audience in a meaningful and engaging style.

This year the texts were a wide selection of poetry and prose, from the 18th to the 21st century—with slavery, freedom, civil and human rights, education for Blacks, African American migration, spiritual search and fulfillment, individual dreams and strivings being among the many themes. Our guest reader, actress Vinie Burrows, was superb, outstanding, awe inspiring in her performance for us of her "Praise Song for Constance Baker Motley," New Haven born civil rights lawyer and judge. Ms. Burrows's poem skillfully

merged biography and American history. Because Judge Motley's home church was St. Luke's Episcopal, Nneoma Obi, a youth active in several programs at St. Luke's, was invited to participate; she did a very moving reading of the famous Sojourner Truth oration "Ain't I a Woman" from the slavery era. The interim and associate rectors read, parishioners from all three morning services, the coordinator of Chapel on the Green, church school children, and their director. One church school student, the director, and I came together to remember poet Lucille Clifton, who died in February 2010. I read an excerpt from an essay which I had published on Clifton and they each read a Clifton poem.

There were 20 readers and a warmly responsive audience. The indispensable sign-in team included Ellen Freiler, Michele Schiraldi, and Lisa Omark. Justin Haydu not only provided invaluable assistance on Sunday but also with the posting of publicity materials. Many thanks to the clergy, the participants, the audience, the church office staff, and to everyone who assisted with and supported the project.

The Honor Roll



On the back wall of Trinity Church, near the main entrance, there is a book which lists members of the Trinity family who have served their country in the military over the years. This

record book is due for update soon. If you know of a name that needs to be added please contact Sherrill Farkas as soon as possible at sfarkas@trinitynewhaven.org or (203) 776-2606.

Vestry Highlights: Vestry Retreat on March 12

The Role of a Vestry Member (Lucy LaRocca): What is the Church? The definition is based upon scripture and the mission statement in the Book of Common Prayer.

The Vestry is not a representative body, but a calling to fulfill the mission of the Church.

Trinity's Mission statement: How does it fit today? How does what we do relate to our mission and the mission of the Church.

Part of the role is to discern God's will and vision for the congregation.

Vestry Responsibilities (handout, with attachments)

Vestry Obligations:

- Add participation in the Vestry, as well as in stewardship
- General responsibility for coffee hour, including greeting newcomers

General Rules for Meetings:

- Respect the tension between confidentiality and an open Vestry meeting
- Direct comments to the entire Vestry, not just the questioner
- Items raised and/or discussed should go into the minutes
- Annual accounting of the Vestry Fund
- Speakers to raise hands at Vestry meetings

Suggestions:

- Nominating Committee which is active all year
- Indicate in the Wrapper that Vestry members are available for discussion of issues with members of the congregation
- List the teams on which Vestry members serve
- Speak directly to involved individuals in conflict situations
- Make clear that members of the Parish know that Vestry meetings are open to them
- Invite Vestry members to add agenda items a week before the Vestry meeting

The Rev. Jim Sell announced that the new Rector will arrive at Trinity on Monday, June 13; his first Sunday will be June 19, which is Trinity Sunday. Luk and Tiffany will be visiting New Haven on April 27 - 28. An Open House event at that time will be planned.

Jack Tebes made a presentation on "Understanding the recent changes to the Parish team structure". See handout, "Organizational Structure, Leadership and Parish Committees/Ministries." [Note that Communications is now part of Administrative/Operations; F. L. King Fund, Greeters and Newcomers are now part of Outreach & Evangelism]

Jim Sell provided recommendations for "the first year of the Vestry's life with its new Rector":

- Create a Transition Committee with personal support

and willingness to show them around for Luk and Tiffany, including parishioners with similar demographics

- Finding the right home is fundamental and should be within a brief drive of the church
- Assist in finding a way to finance a home
- Help Tiffany find a job and a role in the community
- Wear name tags
- Hold a "pounding" on the first Sunday, June 19, when each parishioner will bring a "pound" of something to church as a way of welcoming the new Rector and his wife into the community and to say "we are so glad you are here"
- Make a point of inviting Luk and Tiffany and other parishioners and prospective members to your home and/or take them out to lunch
- The new Rector should make no changes for one year
- To keep a new Rector, start to develop a mutual ministry review of the Rector's and Vestry's role and how they will work together to find out dreams and expectations for the next year and determine what is achievable; look back at that at the end of the year
- Begin the process of thinking about new leadership: New Vestry members and successors as Warden and Treasurer who are team players, yet present a variety of viewpoints, and who will work for the common good of the Parish
- Listen to your new Rector and to his ideas

Jim Sell announced that although Bishop Curry was scheduled to visit Trinity in June, the Bishop suggested that he come instead in the fall for the formal Institution of the new Rector. For the Institution, there will be invitations sent for this formal welcome and new stage in the life of the Parish and our ministry together. Luk will design the Institution with one of the Bishops. The Communications Committee is ready to assist with publicity for the Institution. Luk will participate in monthly Diocesan "fresh start" meetings for new rectors.

There will be a Fall Vestry retreat at Incarnation Center on Friday, October 28, and Saturday, October 29.

Jim Sell identified the following as "Pressing Issues":

- Replacing Lucy
- Stewardship
- Budget Modification
- Church Office - The lease on 129 Church Street expires on November 1, 2011.

The following Teams were created for the coming year, and the Teams met in a breakout session:

- **Parish Life:** Laura Davis, Chair; Gloria Hoda, Chair Emeritus; Barbara Lamb
- **Outreach & Evangelism:** Rich Walser, Chair; Barbara Lamb, Chair-Elect; Candy Carl-Stannard; Carol Davidson, Murray Harrison, Doris Manseau. It was suggested that the Bread Ministry be revived at the end of services and that the Greeters be reconstituted.

Vestry Highlights: Vestry Retreat on March 12*Continued from page 4*

- **Finance:** Sara Stadler, Chair; Jack Tebes, Consultant; Carolyn Gould (Chair of Investment Committee)
- **Stewardship:** Jack Tebes, Chair (working with Jeff Freeman); Bob Oetjen; Barbara Fennelly; Mary Ann Stroup; Peg Chambers, Kim Morris. It was suggested that the Team work with the Communications Committee on developing an infrastructure communication system; engage in year-long planning involving Luk, and identify resources (i.e., at Yale Divinity School)

- **Worship Liaison Committee:** Jack Tebes; Carol Davidson; Peg Chambers; Kim Morris; Doris Manseau
- **Pastoral Care:** Barbara Fennelly, David Phelps; Bob Oetjen; Candy Carl-Stannard. The role of the Associate Rector and involving Luk from the outset are important. There is a need for 2 clergy for adequate pastoral care. There will need to be a transition when Lucy leaves so that who needs care will be identified. More parish visiting is a goal.

Easter Offering and Memorial Envelopes



Please have your Easter Offering and Memorial Envelopes returned to the office (129 Church Street, Suite 705, New Haven, CT 06510) no later than **Wednesday, April 13** in order to include the names in the Easter Day bulletins.

Additional envelopes are available in the church vestibule.

A Note About Easter Music



With this issue of the Voice, you'll note a request for donations for Easter music. To assure that we can support our basic choir expenses that week, in light of our current budget, we will not be hiring woodwind players (oboes, English Horn, bassoon) to accompany the music at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Easter Day services this year, as we have in the past.

However, your donations to Easter music memorials are as important as ever, as we will still have the tympanist with us, and there are other choir expenses that we need to support for those services. Any donations made to music will be used for that purpose. Thank you.

Reconciliation of a Penitent Offered During Lent



In The Episcopal Church there is an old saying about private confession, "anyone can, some should, and no one must."

During Lent, we offer the Book of Common Prayer service of the Reconciliation of a Penitent **every Wednesday in Lent**, immediately

following the **12:10 p.m.** Eucharist and Healing.

Of course, if you wish, we can provide it at another time by appointment with one of the clergy.

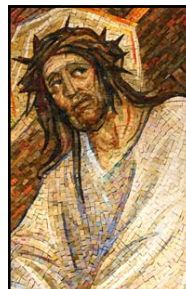
The service is known as private confession in other traditions.

You can look it over for yourself in the Book of Common Prayer. There are two forms which begin on page 447. There will be a moment of instruction for those who are new to this sacred practice.

We can assure you that while the clergy offer this service within the larger confines of the church, it is with utter confidentiality and very personal attention.

Lenten Series:

The Faces of Easter: Journeying with Jesus to the Cross and Resurrection



A three week Lenten series exploring the life of Christ through the lens of the passion and resurrection.

Join us **Wednesday evenings, March 30, April 6, and April 13.** Simple Soup and Bread Supper at **6:30 p.m.** Program from **7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

For more information or to help with the meals please email the Rev. Lucy LaRocca at llarocca@trinitynewhaven.org.

Hosting a Coffee Hour

You can sign up to contribute to a Coffee Hour by contacting Candy Carl-Stannard (9 a.m. service) at pcstannard@att.net or Liz Dickinson (11 a.m. service) at elizmd@sbcglobal.net.



“Takin’ it to the Streets” Youth Weekend



Some of the parishioners at our Chapel on the Green are or have been homeless. Takin’ it to the Streets is an immersive experience in urban homelessness combined with spiritual reflection, including a tour of the city, visits to a shelter, service at a food pantry, reflection on homelessness, church, making and serving lunches to the homeless at Chapel on the Green.

Youth, accompanied by an adult (1 adult per 7 students) take a tour of New Haven led by a homeless or formerly homeless tour guide, explore Columbus House and go to a Chapel on the Green service while under the supervision of adult leaders.

The cost of this weekend will be **\$35** per student. The weekend will be held from **Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 a.m.** until **Sunday, April 10 at 3:30 p.m.** beginning at St. Paul and St. James Episcopal Church, ending at Trinity Church on the Green.

For more information, contact Peter Johnston at chapelonthegreen@gmail.com or visit www.chapelonthegreen.com/streets.

Epicenter of Ministry



Like Connecticut, Haiti is a Diocese of the Episcopal Church. It is our most populous diocese, with about 80,000 people, and it is our poorest.

Its Cathedral in Port-au-Prince was a cultural center for the nation, a place of pride and beauty for all Haitians.

In 35 seconds on January 12, 2010, it fell.

People still flocked to its grounds and its ruins for food and shelter. Absent a working government, the church has always been a place to find schools, clinics, and other social services we take for granted. And thanks to Episcopal Relief and Development, as well as many other agencies and churches, the Bishop, school staff, and sisters of St. Margaret, were able to offer short-term employment, provisional homes, and sanitation systems in addition to other community-focus recovery programs.

Even in the midst of the deep human need and suffering in Haiti, the people seek to worship God together. And while there are agencies who will rebuild schools and clinics, only the church will rebuild a church. Please join in supporting the rebuilding of the Cathedral complex in Port-au-Prince by making a donation this Lent.

☞Nou ave’ou! - We’re with you! ☞

This appeal in the Diocese of Connecticut is part of an Episcopal Church-wide appeal this Lent coordinated by the Episcopal Church Foundation. In Connecticut organizers are asking that donations be made to the local parish, which will then forward them. For more information see the “Rebuild our Church in Haiti” page on the diocesan website, www.ctepiscopal.org. The Rev. Rachel Thomas is the coordinator of the appeal for the Diocese of Connecticut. Contact her at rwithomas55@att.net.

Seven Last Words of Christ Service on Good Friday

Every Good Friday, Trinity has an ecumenical service of the Seven Last Words of Christ. The service takes place from **12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Seven people preach one sermon on one of the traditional seven last words of Christ. We are pleased and honored to have an extraordinary gathering of preachers at Trinity for the annual three hour service of preaching, music and meditation. We encourage you to come to as much of this traditional Trinity service as you can and to bring friends who find special value in some of the greatest preaching in America. Our preachers for this year are (in alphabetical order:)



Ms. Catherine Amon
*Seminarian,
Berkeley Divinity School at Yale*



The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick
*Ellsworth Morton Tracy Lecturer and Professor
of Religion, and Chair of the Department of
Religion, Trinity College*



The Rev. Lucy D. LaRocca
*Associate Rector,
Trinity Church on the Green*



The Rev. Dr. Charles Lemert
*University Professor and John E. Andrus Profes-
sor of Social Theory Emeritus, Wesleyan Univer-
sity and Senior Fellow of the Center for Com-
parative Research, Sociology, Yale University*



The Rev. James W. H. Sell
*Interim Rector,
Trinity Church on the Green*

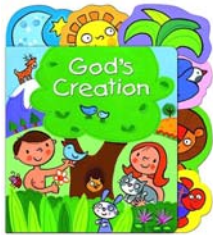


Dr. David H. Smith
*Director, Yale Interdisciplinary Center for
Bioethics and Senior Lecturer in Political Science
at Yale*



Dr. Peter Van Ness
*Co-Director of Biostatistics at the Yale Program
on Aging and faculty member of the Yale School
of Medicine; former Dean of Academic Affairs at
Union Theological Seminary, New York*

Special Presentation of Trinity's Children at the Easter Vigil



The Easter Vigil service will include a special reading and presentation of the Creation story by Trinity's children.

Join us **Saturday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m.** and watch the story unfold.

Trinity's Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Sunday, April 24, between the **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Services.

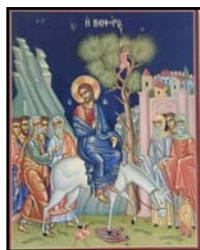
Weather permitting the fun will take place outside on the Green between Trinity and Center Church.

Rain will move the Hunt to the Undercroft.

Holy Week is the Most Important Week of the Entire Church Year

The Road to Resurrection

In the Christian Calendar Holy Week is the week immediately before Easter. As early as the latter half of the 3rd century and 4th century, we hear of the custom of marking this week as a whole with special observances. It is an opportunity for worshipers to experience all the elements that make us who we are as children of God. Below is a description of our Holy Week and Easter services. We hope you can attend as many as possible as each service builds upon the other one. For instance, Maundy Thursday reminds us of the humility that leads us to the sorrow of Good Friday and finally leads us to the joy of Easter.



Palm Sunday, April 17

Palm Sunday always falls on the Sunday before Easter. We commemorate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days before his Passion, mentioned by all four Gospels.

Palm Sunday is marked by the distribution of palm leaves, which are blessed and given to the congregation. If the weather cooperates, we begin out doors and process in. The service ends with a reading of the Passion of Jesus.

7:45 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 and Passion

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Beginning with the Liturgy of the Palms on the front steps of the church and then processing inside for the reading of the Passion. Featuring music by the Spirit Singers.

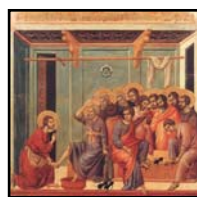
11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite 1

Beginning with the Liturgy of the Palms on the front steps of the church and then processing inside for the reading of the Passion. Featuring music by the Choirs of Men & Boys and Men & Girls.

2:00 p.m. - Chapel on the Green (Outdoor service)

Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18, 19 and 20

12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Healing and the opportunity to participate in the Reconciliation of a Penitent



Maundy Thursday, April 21

The word Maundy is derived through Middle English, and Old French *mandé*, from the Latin *mandatum*, the first word of the phrase "*Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos*" ("A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you"), the statement by Jesus in the Gospel of John by which Jesus explained to the Apostles the significance of his action of washing their feet.

This day also commemorates the Last Supper of Christ and his Apostles. The celebration of this Eucharist marks the beginning of the Sacred Paschal Triduum (three days before Easter) that concludes with the Easter Vigil.

1:00 p.m. - Chapel on the Green Foot washing and foot clinic

Bishop Ian Douglas will preach and celebrate at the Chapel on the Green service. He, and others, will then participate in a foot washing. There will also be medical professionals to examine feet. Many parishioners live on the streets and this is a major health issue. We also hope to give out socks and shoes.

7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist, Foot washing, and Stripping of the Altar

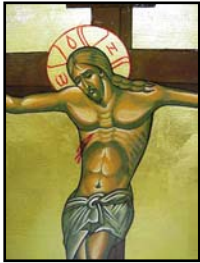
This is one of the most dramatic services in the Book of Common Prayer where people live out their faith. People are invited to wash each others' feet as a sign of your willingness to be a servant. After the Eucharist, the altar is then stripped to signify Jesus betrayal and rest in the garden. The adult and teen singers from the Choir of Men & Girls will sing the service music and help to lead the congregational singing.

9:00 p.m. Thursday, April 21 to 7:00 a.m. Friday, April 22 - Maundy Thursday Watch

Parishioners are invited to sign-up to stay at Trinity for one hour shifts to meditate and pray in our columbarium space. The space will resemble the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus and his disciples went and where Christ was betrayed and arrested. Two parishioners each hour are encouraged to participate. Our sexton, Boris, will be there throughout the night to provide security.

Holy Week...The Road to Resurrection

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**Good Friday, April 22**

Good Friday, also called Holy Friday, is the Friday preceding Easter Sunday. It commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Golgotha.

7:00 a.m. - End of Watch with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Service of the Seven Last Words of Christ

Seven preachers will provide meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ. This service will also feature music by the Boys Choir in the second half of the service as well as numerous hymns with organ accompaniment.

3:00 p.m. - Chapel on the Green Outdoor Stations of the Cross

This unique service will feature the artwork of New Haven artist Katro N. Storm. Katro is a renowned and powerful force in the urban contemporary art world. He will adapt seven of the fourteen traditional Stations of the Cross. Storm's urban style is a perfect match for Chapel on the Green's congregation, which is composed of the diversity of downtown New Haven.

7:30 p.m. - The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

The service according to the Book of Common Prayer with prayers and readings from Scripture. This service will be very different from the service in the afternoon, with its symbolic emphasis on the darkness of Jesus' tomb that our faith tells us will soon give way to the light of his Resurrection. The Men from the Choir of Men & Boys will sing appropriately subdued Psalms and anthems.

**Holy Saturday, April 23**

The Easter Vigil is the first celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. It is during this service that people are baptized. It is held just at sunset on Holy Saturday, the ancient beginning of Easter Day. We kindle the new fire and proclaim Christ's Resurrection.

Many Episcopalians, as well as Christians around the world, believe it is the most important service of the liturgical year and is marked by the first use since the beginning of Lent of the acclamatory word "Alleluia," a distinctive feature of the liturgy of the Easter season. The Trinity Singers will sing an anthem for this service and will lead the service music. The music will mirror the Vigil's dramatic mid-service shift in tone, beginning with the solo *Exultet* and stark unaccompanied Psalms and then bursting into the festive *Gloria in excelsis Deo* with the ringing of bells and hymns accompanied by organ.

7:30 p.m. - The Great Vigil of Easter, Holy Eucharist, and Baptism

**Easter Sunday, April 24**

Easter is the most important religious feast in the Christian liturgical year. Jesus was resurrected from the dead three days after his crucifixion.

At Trinity, we celebrate with all the joy and festivity this occasion deserves.

7:45 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 Sunrise Service

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 with children's homily and sermon

Featuring music by the Spirit Singers, joined by members of the other choirs after Communion for the singing of Handel's "Hallelujah" Chorus and the final congregational hymn.

11:00 a.m. - Festive Choral Eucharist, Rite 1

Featuring anthems and service music by the Choirs of Men & Boys and Men & Girls

Children's Chapel for children preschool - elementary school

2:00 p.m. - Chapel on the Green

Chapel on the Green Celebrates Maundy Thursday with Bishop Douglas

Maundy Thursday is about Christ giving a new commandment to love one another as he loved us. At the heart of this holy day is service. Chapel on the Green is an outdoor ministry of Trinity Church and gathers **each Sunday at 2:00 p.m.** to feed body and soul.

Bishop Ian T. Douglas will join us again this year for the Chapel on the Green

Maundy Thursday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m. Our bishop will preach and celebrate the Eucharist with us that day. He will also join other clergy in washing the feet of parishioners, many of whom are homeless.

Foot care is a real issue for those living on the streets. We hope to have medical staff, including podiatrists, to perform foot examinations. We are also having a sock drive. Warm dry socks are crucial to many people who attend Chapel on the Green and are often more desired than food. We also hope to distribute some shoes or shoe vouchers thanks to discounts from Bob's Store in Hamden.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, please make checks payable to Trinity Church with "Maundy Thursday Foot Clinic" in the memo.

Maundy Thursday Nightwatch



Begun last year, this service was supported very strongly by the worshipers of Trinity Church.

From the end of the Maundy Thursday service until Communion from Reserved Sacrament at 7:00 a.m. on Good Friday, parishioners will keep watch in one hour shifts, remembering the words of Jesus to his disciples, "Could you not watch with me one hour?" "The Watch" is staying awake for Christ and with Christ. On the night before the authorities arrested Jesus, he went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and he asked his disciples to come and pray with him.

It is an amazing journey to walk around a silent church in the middle of the night. The stained glass windows speak their stories to you, the pipes of the organ sing their tunes, the prayers of all the faithful gone before stir your soul. The time will pass quicker than you think.

So how does this work?

Two parishioners sign-up for one hour shifts throughout the night. A sign-up sheet will be available in the church vesti-

bule, please sign-up by **Thursday, April 14**. There will be meditation materials available in the columbarium. The columbarium will be decorated like the Garden of Gethsemane and have the reserved Sacrament from the Maundy Thursday service.

Will I be safe?

We have taken many measures to ensure your safety. Boris, one of Trinity's sextons will be there to provide security for you. Participants will be given a cell phone number to call in order to be let into the building. Once you are in the building, the doors will be locked. If you have any concerns about safety or do not have a cell phone to call from, please let us know and we will work something out.

Who gets the 3:00 a.m. shift?

We recognize that the late night shifts will be more difficult to fill and strongly encourage those who can to fill these shifts first. It is especially important to have two people for the late night shifts. It is interesting to note that the people who took the "wee small hours" last year found them the most moving.

Episcopal Relief & Development Establishes Special Fund for Relief Efforts in Japan

Special Notice from the Trinity International Outreach (TIO) Committee



Photo by REUTERS/Asahi Shimbun

Episcopal Relief & Development has established the Japan Earthquake Response Fund to support the rescue and relief efforts of the Nippon Sei Ko Kei (NSKK; the Anglican-Episcopal Church in Japan) following the 8.9-magnitude earthquake and resulting tsunami that struck Japan on Friday, March 11. This quake was the strongest to hit the country since officials started keeping records over 100 years ago. It is estimated that at least 10,000 people have died as a result of the disaster, though it may be weeks or even months before an accurate tally can be reached. Shelters are accommodating 350,000 people who have become homeless. Of families who are still in their homes, 1.3 million were without power as of Monday morning, and 1.4 million were without running water. Adding to the crisis is the situation at the Fukushima nuclear plants, which has prompted the evacuation of more than 180,000 people. Local authorities are continuing to screen and treat people for radiation exposure.

Damage to transportation and communication infrastructure has made information collection difficult, so the full scope of the disaster is not yet known. It was two days before the bishop of the most severely affected diocese, the Rt. Rev John Hiromichi Kato of the Diocese of Tohoku, was able to communicate with provincial leadership, and he himself had not been able to find out much about the other churches in the diocese.

"There is particular concern for two churches," reported Archbishop Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, who spoke with Bishop Kato. "Isoyama St. Peter's Church in Fukushima Prefecture and Kamaishi Shinai Church and the kindergarten in Iwate [were] close to the sea. Priests have been frantically trying to confirm that their parishioners are safe." The Archbishop went on to explain that churches in the Kita Kanto diocese had also been affected, and that the Sendai Christchurch Cathedral had been badly damaged.

Donations to the Japan Earthquake Response Fund will provide vital support to the NSKK. In Tohoku, the Church is planning to establish an emergency relief center at the diocesan building, with Bishop Kato leading the efforts to respond to the crisis. At the Provincial level, Archbishop Uematsu is working to develop a response structure that is capable of dealing with a disaster of this magnitude, and will include organizing and supporting a network of volunteers to carry out the relief and restoration work.

Donations of at least \$10 can be made online at: <https://www.er-d.org/donate-select.php>. Indicate Japan Earthquake Response Fund. Donations of any amount can be sent by mail to Episcopal Relief & Development, P.O. Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Write on your check: *Japan Earthquake Response Fund*. To donate by phone, please call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129.



Upcoming Organ Recitals

Trinity Church has been privileged to be able to host the degree recitals of several Yale organ students this semester. The last of these will be on **Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.** when Joshua Stafford performs as part of his Master of Music requirements. Please come and support a future star organist and enjoy some magnificent music in the process!

The ongoing Wendell Piehler Memorial Organ Series celebrating the 75th Anniversary of our historic Aeolian-Skinner organ—which has been so well supported by our parish and community alike—will conclude on **Saturday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.** with a “Celebrity Organ Concert” played by the brilliant concert and recording artist, Stephen Tharp. Acclaimed as “The Perfect Virtuoso,” Mr. Tharp has played more than 1,300 concerts across 36 tours worldwide, earning him the reputation as the most traveled concert organist of his generation. Admission to this concert is free with a suggested donation of \$5. A reception, to which all are invited, will follow in the Undercroft.

The Trinity Music Staff wishes to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Organ Series Committee (Duo Dickinson, Joe Dzeda, Barbara Hedberg, Barbara McGhie, David Soper, and Fred Tyrrell) in making the Piehler Series such a success. Particular mention must be made of the time and effort put in by “both Barbaras” to realize the elegant receptions that have followed each program.

The Music Staff is most grateful for the financial generosity that has been expressed by the many donors to the Piehler Series, which has been all the more extraordinary in light of these tough economic times. Special thanks are due, of course, to Mrs. Nancy Piehler, whose most charitable gift given in memory of her late husband provided the foundation to make the Series possible in the first place.

Spring Concert

The annual Spring Concert of the Trinity Choir of Men & Boys and Choir of Men & Girls is set for **Sunday, May 8** (Mothers’ Day) at **4:00 p.m.** here at Trinity. Suggested donation at the door is \$10. Entitled “From Byrd to Britten: Heroic Church Music from Britain,” this program of choral and organ music will be entirely drawn from the Anglican heritage, covering over four hundred years, that plays such a prominent role in the modern worship life of Trinity Church. The choirs will sing uncommon gems as well as favorites such as Benjamin Britten’s masterful “Rejoice in the Lamb,” Edward Bairstow’s dramatic “Blessed City, Heavenly Salem,” anthems by the Elizabethan master William Byrd and, appropriately—with the British Royal Wedding having taken place less than two weeks prior—C. Hubert H. Parry’s majestic coronation anthem “I was glad.”

“Taking the Whole Gospel to the Whole World”



The Trinity International Outreach (TIO) committee would like to announce an upcoming opportunity for all of our internationally minded parishioners:

From **June 24 - July 2**, the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut will sponsor a Mission Trip to Colombia. Since 2005, the Diocese of Connecticut has had an official companion relationship with the Diocese of Colombia, and there have been six formal visits to Colombia by Connecticut clergy and laity. On this seventh visit, the primary objective is to continue to deepen that relationship. Primary destination will be Cartagena, a beautiful colonial city on the Caribbean coast. The trip is being coordinated

and led by the Very Rev. Mark Pendleton of Connecticut in collaboration with the Rev. Rafael Abuchar Curi of Colombia. There is space for **up to 24** participants, and we will be accepting **up to 8** youth (ages 16 and up). Travel arrangements and applications for the Youth Participants will be coordinated through Bishop James Curry’s office at 1335 Asylum Avenue in Hartford. For more information, contact Dean Mark Pendleton at mpendleton@cccathedral.org or (860) 521-7231.

If you are interested in participating, send an email to the Parish Office at office@trinitynewhaven.org or to Boyd Griffin at boydgriffin@gmail.com and specify the event in the subject line. Please state your interest and include your name, phone numbers and email address.

Pledge Envelopes

We still have a few boxes of Pledge Envelopes left. If you did not request them but would like them, or if you did not receive the ones you requested please let Sherrill know at (203) 776-2606 or sfarkas@trinitynewhaven.org and we will gladly get them to you.

A Ministry of Welcome



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Welcoming each guest as Christ is part of the rule of life for many religious communities, and Trinity is no exception. Ushers/greeters are needed at the **9:00 a.m.** liturgy to literally bring people in. Prayerfully consider this important ministry, and let Jim or Lucy know where the Spirit is leading you.

Trinity Church on the Green April 2011

(Subject to changes, look for an updated calendar in April)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 March 7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 10:10a - 10:45a Christian Formation/Adult Forum 11:00a Morning Prayer, Rite 1 2:00p Chapel on the Green 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT Tons of Food Collection	28 5:30p Community Works Meeting, <i>Undercroft</i> 5:30p Finance Committee Meeting (<i>away</i>)	29 10:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	30 9:00a - 12:00p HB Sews, Crafts & Knits 12:10p Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 12:45p Reconciliation of a Penitent 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 6:30p - 9:00p Lenten Series	31 12:00p AI Anon Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p - 9:30p Choir Rehearsal	1 April 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 7:45p Choir Rehearsal	2 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 7:45p Choir Rehearsal
3 7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 10:10a - 10:45a Christian Formation/Adult Forum 11:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 11:00a Children's Chapel 2:00p Chapel on the Green 4th SUNDAY IN LENT Tons of Food Collection	4 5:30p Community Works Meeting, <i>Undercroft</i> 5:30p Finance Committee Meeting (<i>away</i>)	5 10:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 5:30p Chapel on the Green Advisory Committee Meeting	6 9:00a - 12:00p HB Sews, Crafts & Knits 12:10p Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 12:45p Reconciliation of a Penitent 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 6:30p - 9:00p Lenten Series	7 12:00p AI Anon Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 5:30p - 7:00p Discernment, <i>Upper Room</i> 7:30p - 9:30p Choir Rehearsal (2)	8 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	9 <i>Takin' it to the Streets for Youth</i> 9:30a - 12:00p Holiday Bazaar Meeting, <i>Undercroft</i> 5:00p Organ Concert by Joshua Stafford (Yale Institute of Sacred Music)
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24 7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 10:10a - 10:45a 2 nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt 11:00a Choral Eucharist, Rite 1 11:00a Children's Chapel 2:00p Chapel on the Green EASTER SUNDAY	25 EASTER MONDAY - OFFICE CLOSED 5:30p Finance Committee Meeting (<i>away</i>)	26 10:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	27 9:00a - 12:00p HB Sews, Crafts & Knits 11:00a Service at Whitney Center 12:10p Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	28 12:00p AI Anon Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p - 9:30p Choir Rehearsal (2)	29 11:30p Treedwell Interment 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal with Parents Dinner	30 8:00a - 11:00a Hopkins Rehearsal 7:00p Organ Concert by Stephen Tharp



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A Newsletter of Trinity on the Green

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All the people of Trinity Church

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