



Holy Eucharist II

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B)

OCTOBER 10, 2021

9:00 AM RITE II SERVICE

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. We are delighted that you are gathered together with us today. Please follow along with the following order of service. All participation is optional and all are welcome at Christ's Table for Holy Communion. Please join us afterward for Coffee, Cake, and Conversation outdoors.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

Presider	The Rev. John Elliott Lein
Acolyte*	Dave Clinkman
Lector	Justin Varteresian
Ushers	Andrew Yaroshefski, Touie Jackson
Music	Liz Pekkala, Cathy Poch
Digital Minister	Kevin Keppler
Vestry Liaison	Beth Moeller
Altar Guild	Ruth Warner
Coffee Hour	Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski

* While Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) distribution is on hold during the pandemic, the Acolyte assists the Presider.

"The Eucharist is the entrance of the Church into the joy of its Lord. And to enter into that joy, so as to be a witness to it in the world, is indeed the very calling of the Church, its essential *liturgy* [work of the people/for public benefit], the sacrament by which it 'becomes what it is.'" — *Protopresbyter Fr. Alexander Schmemann*

The Word of God

PRELUDE

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH	F. W. ZACHAU
PRELUDE IN C	J. S. BACH
O GOD, THOU FAITHFUL GOD	J. S. BACH
AVE VERUM	P. STOPFORD

The People may stand for praise.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS	#460
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ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

All-loving 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 all, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The People may join in reciting

SONG OF PRAISE

CANTICLE H (EOWI 34)

A SONG OF HOSEA (6:1-3)

Come, let us return to our God,
 who has torn us and will heal us.
God has struck us and will bind up our wounds,
 after two days revive us,
On the third day restore us,
 that in God's presence we may live.
Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the LORD,
 whose justice dawns like morning light,
 its dawning as sure as the sunrise.
God's justice will come to us like a shower,
 like spring rains that water the earth.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

EOWI 52

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray.

Loving Jesus: Protect and sustain us with your hand.
Open the door of your love that, sealed with your
wisdom, we may be free to serve you with joy. *Amen.*

The People may be seated for the readings.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF AMOS (5:6-7,10-15)

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

THE SONG APPOINTED FOR TODAY IS PSALM 90:12-17

The People will recite as instructed

So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure
of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

A READING FROM THE EXHORTATION TO THE HEBREWS (4:12-16)

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

The People may stand when the Gospel is raised

SEQUENCE CHANT JORDAN, LEONARD, MOORING

*As I rise, strength of God, go before, lift me up;
As I wake, eyes of God, look upon, be my sight, be my sight.
Above and below me, before and behind me;
In every eye that sees me, Christ, be all around me;
Above and below me, before and behind me;
In every eye that sees me, Christ, be all around me; [repeat]*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK (10:17-31)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

HOMILY

THE REV. JOHN ELLIOTT LEIN

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

The People may stand for recitation of this historic Pledge, continuing the journey in the tradition of our forebearers.

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,
He 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

*The People may stand or kneel for the prayers
and respond to each petition as instructed*

Presider This Season we pray for all loss and need in our world, especially for all which we have lost in this global pandemic.

Leader With all our heart, mind, body, and spirit, let us pray together saying, "Christ, have mercy."

For all Holy Assemblies: for the disruption of the rhythm of faith, for the loss of congregants, for the diminishment of community, for the endurance and encouragement of leaders, for our mission of love. We pray especially for the parishes in Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana.

Lord have mercy. *Christ have mercy.* Lord have mercy.

For all the world: for leaders responsible for the care of others, for medical scientists and doctors, for those who distribute cures, for the cessation of political division over vaccines and proper pandemic concern.
Lord have mercy. *Christ have mercy.* Lord have mercy.

For all life: for proper care of livestock and protection of wilderness habitat, for proper fear of the power of viruses, for equitable distribution of care, for proper concern for others.

Lord have mercy. *Christ have mercy.* Lord have mercy.

For our state, county, and townships: for the safety and vaccination of school children, for those who have lost jobs and housing, for those who have lost family, for those who cannot afford food or transportation.

Lord have mercy. *Christ have mercy.* Lord have mercy.

For all who suffer and who are in any trouble, for the imprisoned and evicted, for the sick and dying, for refugees from war, climate, or economy. We pray especially for Ani Sharoogian; Rita & Dick Cronan; Marian Smatt; Bryson; the Garretson Family; Bitsy; Enid Barton; the McDonnell Family; Paul Langlois; Sharon Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Ron Taylor; Peter Lee; Gloria Falcone; Barbara; Valerie; Clinton Clark, III; Marco Weiss; Al Price; Mary Torian, Beth & Terry; Esther McKenzie; Lisa Wilson; Sandra Arbogast; Len Baird; Judy Shea; Robin Rowe; Skye Bayleigh Plaisted; Alisha Starkis Weddeke; Chrissy & Mark; Thomas Scano; the Canali Family;

Sherel & Lou Frere; Craig Silverman; Justin Perkin; Tom Childs; Nancy Sharoogian; Bob Mezzadri; all those serving in the military and the Peace Corps, especially Avary DeRagon; Drew Beauchamp; Charles; Laura; Elena; Brendan Wood; Danielle & Joel Marsh; Tom Bento; Joel Joudrey; Justin Woessner and their families.

Lord have mercy. *Christ have mercy.* Lord have mercy.

For those who have suffered and died in this pandemic: for the 722,470 deaths in our country, for the 4,826,757 deaths on this planet, for those who survive with life-altering physical damage, for the families and loved ones of the deceased.

Lord have mercy. *Christ have mercy.* Lord have mercy.

Joining our voices together, we pray:

Source of all that is, we bring you our lament and our hope. Guide us in proper mourning for what we have lost so that we might see clearly the way forward. Bring us to your peace found through trial and that unity which you promise through Christ is among the humble and low. Amen.

CONFESSiON OF SiN

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Then All pray:

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Presider gives the Absolution

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

The People may stand. The Presider says

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Minister(s) and People exchange the Peace.

 *Please refrain from physical contact.*



“...the purpose of Eucharist is not to change bread and wine, but to change you and me: through baptism and eucharist it is we who are to become Christ for one another, and a sign to the world that is yet to hear his name. That is what Christian liturgy is all about, because that is what Christianity is all about.”

— Archmandrite Fr. Robert Taft, S.J.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship vol. I p. 57

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

F *All offerings are taken in the collection plate in the rear of the nave.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

#707

THE SURSUM CORDA

The Presider invites the People to “Thanksgiving” (Eucharist)

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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People may stand or kneel

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 say together

THE ACCLAMATION

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues the prayer

THE EPICLESIS

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 your daughters and sons, 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...

All join strongly together in the People’s “AMEN.”

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All say the Prayer together

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as 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 FRACTION

EOWI 69

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for in Christ

we all share in the one bread, one cup.

THE INVITATION

BCP 364

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The People may be seated.

THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

BCP 457

All are welcome at Christ's Table. Please come forward in turn to receive. Gluten-free bread is available on request. Cross your arms over your chest if you wish a blessing instead.

+ *The fullness of the sacrament is received in one element; at this time our bishop has directed us to administer the bread alone. Please allow ample room at the rail. If you are unable to receive the sacrament physically, you may pray the following prayer for spiritual reception of communion:*

"I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen."

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O REST IN THE LORD

MENDELSSOHN

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The People may stand or kneel. All pray together

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.

RECOGNITION OF BIRTHDAYS

Those celebrating birthdays this week: Peyton Hathaway; Keigan Murphy; Cynthia Kinne; Claire Collins; Paul Johnson; Mason Lanzillo; Megan Palinkas; Cheryl Martin; Liz Pekkala; James D'Urso; Claudia Manoli; Theresa Studer; Linda Bonina; Benjamin Collins; Brian Alexander; Marjorie Clinton; and Marie Tower.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEPARTING BLESSING

May you be blessed to be a blessing. Care for the suffering and comfort the afflicted. Love your neighbor. Go forth in hope. May the extravagant embrace of Christ, the scandalous movement of the Spirit, and the boundless love of the Father be with today and always. *Amen.*

Please join in the hymn with music provided

RECESSIONAL HYMN

#680

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into all creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

PSALM 19

B. MARCELLO

Please join us for Coffee, Cake, and Conversation outside to the right of the church.



Dearly beloved,

As we continue into the fall, your vestry and formation leaders have been wrestling with the next step toward the future of our parish as the pandemic and its effects continue. The key phrase that we have returned to over and over is that top priority articulated by the parish in the surveys leading up to my call to serve with you:

“Make all necessary changes to attract families and children.”

The two other articulated priorities that stood out to me were: 1) an interest in revitalizing music and worship, and 2) in spiritual deepening through formation programs that combine both intellectual education with development of the heart and spirit, which align well with that first priority. These are the focuses for leadership.

The first decision to which the vestry has committed is how many worship services we should hold weekly. Trinity attendance has been averaging 50 on Sunday mornings, but only 25-40 persons have been in the physical building singing and taking communion together. This is simply not enough to split back into the accustomed two services. We had unanimous consensus on continuing our combined Sunday worship service for the foreseeable future. The parallel decision, as we reflected on those mandates above, is that we need to continue prioritizing the Rite II service with music.

The second decision brought forward by your spiritual formation leaders is the structure of the programs for children, youth, and adults for an initial trial period through December. Rachel Carpenter, our Children’s Coordinator, will lead a hybrid Children’s Formation program in-person and on Zoom at the same time that I lead an Adult Formation session. Rachel will also lead a Children’s Chapel with age-appropriate songs, readings, and a lesson during the Liturgy of the Word for all children attending in person, after which children will rejoin the congregation in the nave for the Liturgy of the Table (Communion). The Youth (8th-12th grades) will be welcome to join either the adults or children for Formation on Sunday mornings, and may either stay in the nave or assist in leading the children during worship. The regular program for Youth will be held at 6:30 pm one Sunday evening per month, led by Sarah Prevelige, Heidi Austin, and myself.

When we combined these two sets of decisions, we decided that the best schedule to accommodate these current priorities is to hold the Formation programs in person and on Zoom at 9 am and move our single Worship service to 10 am for the fall. We will be listening for your feedback and discerning carefully together as we remain open to changes and adjustments as we journey together.

In peace and joy,

The Rev. John Elliott Lein, your priest, on behalf of your vestry and leaders

UPCOMING PARISH & CHURCH

TODAY	20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 am Coffee Hour outdoors
Tuesday	12:30 pm JULIETs at Sol de Mexico
Wednesday	7:00 pm first Contemplative Gathering
Oct 16	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Cold weather emergency shelter training at St. Mary's
Oct 17	21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 am Formation Hour (adults & kids) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:00 am Coffee Hour outdoor 6:30 pm Youth Group
Oct 18	<i>Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist</i>
Oct 23	<i>Feast of Saint James of Jerusalem, Jesus' brother</i>
Oct 28	<i>Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>
Nov 1	<i>Principal Feast Day of All Saints</i>
Nov 7	10:00 am Celebration of All Saints 2:00 pm Celebration of New Ministry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our new schedule begins next Sunday, October 17th:
 - **Christian Formation** for all ages begins at 9:00 am on Sundays. Children gather in Lane Chapel or on Zoom for a lesson. Adults gather in Murray Hall for 4-6 week long discussion series on various topics. Youth may join either.
 - **Holy Eucharist** will begin at 10:00 am and include a Children's Chapel for age-appropriate worship during the Liturgy of the Word.
 - **Youth** will meet at 6:30 pm for our monthly food, fun, fellowship, and formation.
 - Our new **Wednesday gatherings** have begun at 7:00 pm in Lane Chapel. The first of the month will be *Movement and Meditation* led by Cindi Scrimgeour. Following weeks are led by Father John, featuring interfaith contemplative discussion and liturgy.
 - **Calling all singers and musicians!** We would love to have you assist in celebration with us on Sundays (October 31st is our next organ session).
 - **Liturgical note:** For the remainder of Ordinary Time (through November 21st), our prayers reflect the mourning for all we have lost in the pandemic.
 - Food insecurity is rising, and our volunteers are helping. **Community Suppers** in September:
 - Sep 2: 119 meals distributed (75 restaurant)
 - Sep 9: 122 meals distributed (75 restaurant)
 - Sep 16: 124 meals cooked and served
 - Sep 23: 121 meals distributed (76 restaurant)

EVERY WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00 am Formation Hour (all ages) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist with music 11:00 am Coffee Hour outdoors
Tuesday	6:00 pm Tai Chi in Lane Chapel
Wednesday	7:00 pm Contemplative Gathering
Thursday	12:00/2:00 pm Volunteers prepare meals 4:00 pm Grab n Go meals served
Friday	10:00 am Painting Class (Murray Hall)

EVERY MONTH

The Vestry meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm via Zoom. All parishioners are welcome.

Luncheon groups of women (JULIETs) and men (ROMEOs) meet monthly at local restaurants.

Youth (8th through 12th grade) meet at 6:30 pm on one Sunday per month for fun, fellowship, and formation.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Grab n Go meals are prepared and served weekly to all, alternating between restaurant and cooked meals.

Laundry Love provides supplies and quarters; pandemic distribution by police dispatcher Lisa Trusas.

Eyeglass and food donations are collected in the side narthex and given to the Lion's Club and the Daily Bread Food Pantry.

PARISH OFFICE

We are open 10 am - 2 pm Monday through Thursday.

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Magee, Secretary *office@trinitychurchmilford.org*

THE MINISTERS OF TRINITY

ARE

THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH

led by

The Right Rev. Doug Fisher, *Bishop*

The Rev. John Elliott Lein, Rector

Melanie Carpenter, *Sunday School Coordinator*

agee Lambert, *Secretary*, Paul Del Molino, *Sex*

Beth Moeller, *Sr. Warden*, Lisa Ruggiero, *Jr. Warden*

and the Treasurer, Clerk, and Vestry.

We serve all God's Creation as a local parish
of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts,
part of The Episcopal Church (USA),
a member of the global Anglican Communion.