

November 22, 2020 The First Sunday of Advent Morning Prayer on Zoom 9 am Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers

Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

Liturgical Ministry Leaders

Randolph Bloom, Dave Clinkman, Beth Stochaj, Peach Warren, Justin Varteresian, **Musicians:** Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, Jeff Lukas

Comfort, comfort my people, says our God. [Isaiah 43:1]

Stewardship Reflection by Valerie King

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, oh Lord, my strength and my redeemer. [19:14]

To be God's faithful steward requires that we all be cheerful givers. We are only stewards of that which God has given us. So, we must be:

- -Vigilant
- -Givers of our time
- -Givers of our faith in Him
- -Givers to our families, and to our community and to all those souls who, when we look at them, we see God's light in them.

We must be God's light to all those we meet, even if their faith is different from our own.

There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard! [Psalm 19:3] God made us in His image so that when I look around, I see Him in all things.

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever! [Psalm 107:1] Trinity's image in the community is of a giving church that supports the people in its community: through outreach, ministering to the sick, and joining other Houses of Faith so we can enrich many more lives than those we can reach out and touch by ourselves. We support families through giving food and clothes donations, with donations that provide some assistance with laundry, and we provide support to the homeless. Through this, we show God's providence and stewardship with His people.

These aspects of stewardship--faith, support, love and ministry--enable us to mirror those qualities of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and they encourage us to go forward with a message of hope and love consistently.

Give of yourself, be it in service or monetarily, lending a helping hand to those in need as you travel the path on which God has enabled us to travel.

Let us all magnify the Lord for He is worthy to be praised. Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed be the Rock of our Salvation. Amen.

You may mail your pledge to Trinity in the stamped, self-addressed envelope that was included in the Stewardship mailing, or you may pledge on our website: https://www.trinitychurchmilford.org/2021-pledge

This Weekend at Trinity:

9 am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Lighting the Advent Wreath and Commissioning of

Liturgical Ministries

Stewardship Reflection by Toussaint Jackson

9:45 am Sunday School: Grades pre-K – 5

10:30-11:30 am Distribution of Holy Communion to individuals in the church **Sunday afternoon** Home Communion for those who cannot come to the church

This Week at Trinity

The Office will be open Monday – Thursday, 10am - 2 pm.

Mother Judith is working remotely and can be reached by phone [716.949.8194] or email

Monday 7:15am-7:45am Zoom Meditation

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508751622?pwd=UXN6cytydm90amhvQU4xc0tyVWN3UT09

Meeting ID: 865 0875 1622 Passcode: 787387

Tuesday 7 pm Christmas Fair Planning Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday 10 am Morning Prayer & Fellowship on Zoom

Meeting ID: 831-6113-8171 **Password:** 497792 **Telephone:** 929-205-6099

Thursday 4 pm Grab-n-Go Meals at Trinity

Thursday 7:30 pm – Profile Committee meeting on Zoom

Saturday 9am -1pm Pickup meals and other Christmas Fair purchases

9am-3pm – Drop-off Jesse Tree gifts

Next Sunday: December 6th – St. Nicholas will join us



The Trinity Christmas Fair is Online

http://trinity-christmas-fair.myshopify.com/

You may also use the Order Form included with these Announcements. Order cookie trays, wreaths & cemetery boxes, knitted gifts, fleece blankets, gift baskets, and lunch. Share the link with your friends and post it on your Facebook page. Items and takeout lunches can be picked

up at Trinity on **Saturday December 5th.** Plan to join our *12 Days of Christmas Fair Raffle*, which is a new take on our usual raffle table. One ticket for \$10 and you are qualified to win all the big prizes for a drawing every day for 12 days-December 5th-16th. If you prefer to sell paper tickets to your family and friends, please call Ann Marie Lockwood at 508-981-5223 and she will get you as many as you like! **SPREAD THE WORD!!**

OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS UPON SHARING NEWS WITH OUR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES!

Zoom Meditation: Mondays 7:15am -7:45 am

This is a time for conversation, reflection, and a meditation to begin our week. Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86508751622?pwd=UXN6cytydm90amhvQU4xc0tyVWN3UT09



The Jesse Tree 2020

There is a Jesse Tree this year but a bit different; the deadlines are earlier as the gifts must be quarantined at the church for two weeks before distribution. As you read this, the deadline for requesting items has passed, and now it is time for fulfilling those requests. Instead of a tree with tags, there will be a **Sign-up Genius** for parishioners to sign up for

the items. When you click on the link in the e-news it will bring you to the signup. Select the item(s), then enter your name and email address (email addresses will not show). You can select more than one item if you wish. If you have any questions regarding the item(s) you sign up to fulfill, please contact Maryellen Yaroshefski (ayaroshefski@yahoo.com) or call Magee at the office, who will contact Maryellen.

Items should not be wrapped, and they may be dropped off at the church Monday-Thursday 10:30am to 1:00pm. There will be a box at the bottom of the stairs for Jesse Tree items. If you select a gift card, please place it in an envelope and drop it off in the Mission Committee folder outside Mother Judith's office. Please put a note on the item with your name so that the Mission Committee will be able to match up the item from the signup with the family requesting the item. The deadline for dropping off items is 3pm on Saturday,

December 5th (there will be someone at the church on December 5th from 9 to 3 to receive items). Please note: You may drop off items this coming Sunday, November 29th from 8am to 11:30am in the box at the church.

Thank you - Trinity Mission Committee



Blue Christmas Service:

The Episcopal churches in the Worcester Corridor are joining to offer a service on Zoom that is based on the service that you have offered at Trinity for many years. The service will be offered three times, with some variation. Our own Dave Clinkman will be one of the musicians, and Mary Johnson will be one of the readers. The Zoom link will be

posted in the parish email.

Tuesday December 8th @ 7 PM: The Rev. Laura Goodwin, Officiant

Sunday December 13th @ 4 PM: The Rev. Deacon Beth Washburn, Officiant

Monday December 21st @ 7 PM: The Rev. Judith Lee, Officiant

Advent and Christmas at Trinity

November 29 Advent 1 Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers

December 6 Advent 2 Youth readers. A Visit from St. Nicholas

December 13 Advent 3 Prayers for the Christmas season during the pandemic

December 22 Advent 4 Vestry discussion

December 24th THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

We will have ONE Service of Holy Communion with carols on Zoom @ 4pm

December 25th THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

We will have ONE Service of Holy Communion on Zoom @ 9 am

December 27th **The First Sunday after Christmas:** A Service of Lessons & Carols on Zoom @ 9am

December 31st An Ecumenical Service of Evensong for the New Year @ 6 pm **Sunday January 3**rd **Epiphany Sunday:** A Christmas Pageant on Zoom @ 9 am

Our Prayers Are Offered For:

Parish Members & Friends: the Bedrosian Family; Elleana Shearer; Marco Weiss; Al Price; Christine Bloom; Sharon Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Steve Hyams; John Donohoe; John Burke; Brad Gustavesen; Rita & Dick Cronan; Vivek Subramani; Ray & Enid; Mary Torian, Beth & Terry; Esther McKenzie; Lisa Wilson; Sandra Arbogast; Len Baird; Judy Shea; Robin Rowe; Skye Bayleigh Plaisted; Alex; Alisha Starkis Weddeke; Chrissy & Mark; Thomas Scano; the Canali Family; Sherel & Lou Frere; Craig Silverman; Justin Perkin; Dr. Stephen Janko; Tom Childs; Nancy Sharoogian; Bob Mezzadri; all those serving in the military and the Peace Corps, especially Avary DeRagon; Dan Consigli; Drew Beauchamp; Charles; Laura; Elena; Brendan Wood; Danielle & Joel Marsh; Tom Bento; Joel Joudrey; Justin Woessner; Chris Ketcham and their families.

Homebound Parishioners: Verna Parente, and Wayne Morey.

The Deceased: Mikael Bedrosian

Our Partner Dioceses: Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana

Those celebrating birthdays this week: Mark Sousa; Anne Adams; Annika Hutto; Mary Torian; Lauren Lukas; Leslie LaFlamme; Bob Prevelige; Joseph Lutfy; Katrina Lyon; Isabella Matondi; Emelia Matondi;

Richie Gaffin; Meghan Kane; and Amanda Rudenauer.

The Ministers of Trinity Episcopal Church

are

THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH

led by

The Reverend Dr. Judith Lee, Interim Priest
Randy Bloom, Minister of Music, Rachel Carpenter, Sunday School Coordinator
Magee Lambert, Church Secretary, Paul Del Molino, Sexton
Ginny Starkis, Senior Warden; Susan Edmondson, Junior Warden
and the Treasurers, Clerk and Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church.

We serve our Lord as a part of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts led by The Rt. Rev. Doug Fisher, Bishop of Western Massachusetts

Our Mission Statement:

Sharing the Grace of God, the Light of Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit, through worship, ministry and fellowship.

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