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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

What did Jesus mean when he said to his disciples *"I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves"*? (Matthew 10:16) Jesus had experienced that his message would not be received well by many people. He experienced rejection in the synagogue he grew up in, as he stood up and read from the scroll of Isaiah: *"The*

Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Upon saying that he fulfills this scripture, the congregation in the synagogue took offense and tried to throw him off a cliff! (Luke 4:16-29)

Jesus is warning his followers as he sends them out to extend the ministry he is doing himself, telling of the real and present reign of God, even in the midst of a society that suffered from Roman occupation and oppression. Like so many of the Gospel accounts illustrate, Jesus was a courageous preacher. In the face of the powers of this world he did not back down from what he knew to be the truth. We so often focus on Jesus' kindness, mercy, forgiveness and love that we often overlook that it took tenacity and cunning wisdom to teach and minister in a religious and political situation in which he would be seen as a seditious.

What did Jesus mean when he said *"render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and to God that which is God's"*? (Matthew 22:21) It was a reply to religious leaders who were trying to entrap him so they could have him arrested by the Roman authorities. Jesus called them hypocrites and found a way to not only escape their trap, but to have them going away scratching their heads in amazement.

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Fr. Glenn's Message (Continued)

So as we go forward to live our faith in a changing environment, we need to use our knowledge and imaginations to find ways and words to speak what we know to be true with strength that is found in love.

May God inspire us as we live a life of faith!

Glenn+

Celebrations

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
	<p>16 Jeffrey Smith</p> <p>17 Robert Howe</p> <p>17 Rebecca Seager</p> <p>21 John Chaffee</p> <p>23 Danielle Palmer</p>		<p>19 Byron, Edward & Esther (70 yrs)</p>
<p>4 Diane Lange</p> <p>5 Wayne Divis</p>			

Please let us know of any updates or corrections to the lists!

Parish Register



Please pray for the families of JoMay Ives, who died December 26, 2024, and Martha Colgan died the week of January 13, 2025.

CHOW



The need for food donations in our community is greater than ever. Please consider donating to hunger relief at the [Broome County Council of Churches](#), 3 Otsenigo Street, Binghamton, NY 13903, or by contributing to our own Canteen effort and fund.

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Tuesday Group Asks For Your Support for Our Annual Love Shower

Our Tuesday Group is asking the help of our congregation to collect items for the Annual Love Shower - Personal hygiene items for women, wash cloths, towels, etc. The items will be delivered to a local Women's Shelter. Please leave items in the collection box in the Hoyt room. The last Sunday to bring items is March 16th.

Thank you for your support, the Tuesday Group

Vickie's Updated Office Hours

Vickie has changed work hours: she will be in the office Monday/Wednesday/Thursday from 8am-1pm.

She is glad to hear from anyone, answer questions and help in any way she can.

Early Worship Service Suspended Until Lent

We will not be gathering for our Contemplative Eucharist service at 8:30 am from the First Sunday of Advent through the last Sunday of Epiphany. We cordially invite all who enjoy our early Sunday service to please join the 10:00 am Sunday service. Early services are planned to resume on the 1st Sunday of Lent (March 9, 2025).

Stewardship



Dear Trinity family, we've mostly concluded last year's stewardship campaign with a generous pledge total of \$169,140 towards Trinity Memorial's outreach, programs and operations in 2025.

God bless your commitment to tending to God's Kingdom!

KW Peter Koepfel, for the Stewardship Committee

Reverend E. Robert Dickson, Jr.

Carol Robertson's brother, the Reverend E. Robert Dickson, Jr., passed away on January 10, 2025.



Bob was born April 4th 1929 in Binghamton, NY to Dr. Elton Robert Dickson, Sr. and Florence Marie Stevens. He attended Binghamton Public Schools and went on to graduate from SUNY Binghamton in 1952. Following graduation Bob spent several years as a social worker. It was during this time that he met the love and light of his life, Johanna Hilgers from Binghamton, NY and also received his calling to the Episcopal Ministry. Bob and Johanna were married in Binghamton in June of 1955, and in 1958 Bob graduated from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. After several years of parish work in upstate NY, Bob and Johanna eventually settled in Holbrook, MA where they raised their four children.

As a faithful servant of God, Bob spent 25 years as the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Holbrook. In addition to his ministry with the church, Bob was an active member of the local community. Always seeking to help the needy and less fortunate, Bob was instrumental in the development and construction of housing for the elderly in Holbrook. Bob was to go on to serve for many years as Executive Director of the Holbrook Housing Authority. In addition, he was a Rotarian and served as the Chaplain for the Fire Department.

After retiring, Bob and Johanna moved to Greensboro, NC and spent many happy years traveling and spending time with their children and now grandchildren. Bob continued his ministry by occasionally taking services at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and volunteering at Wesley Long Hospital assisting in the Cancer Center or comforting folks in the surgical waiting area.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Johanna, his sister Joan Hester of Hawaii and grandson, Kyle Salazar. He is survived by his sister, Carol Robertson of Binghamton, NY and his children, 10 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Greensboro on Friday, January 31, 2025 at 11 AM. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in memory of Bob can be made to the Wesley Long Hospital Cancer Center or to St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Memorial Fund. The full obituary may be found at www.forbisanddick.com (search for Dickson) and you may also offer online condolences there.



Trinity Forum



February 2 – Fr. Glenn, discussion of responses to looming issues;

February 9 – Updates on the refugee situation in Europe and the Middle East. Susan Thornton and Bruce Parmelee;

February 16 – please watch for announcements;

February 23 – Steven Bachman, Executive Director, four County

Library System, Library censorship (tentative).

The Trinity Forum meets most Sundays from September to June at 11:30 am. Meetings will be held in person in the Common Room, and will usually also be made available live, via Zoom. You can join remotely by going to TrinityZoom.org. Please also watch the Sunday Bulletin for reminders and updates.

Our Hybrid Congregation

Join us from wherever you are, in person or remotely!

Our 10:00 am worship service and most of our events are available for remote participation:

- **10:00 am live Worship Service:** on Trinity Memorial's [YouTube](#) page, look for: **Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church - Live stream.**
- **10:00 am Worship Service replay:** services are available on [YouTube](#) for replay following the original live service.
- **Trinity Forum:** offered most Sundays from September to May; in person in our Common Room, or online at TrinityZoom.org. A replay of a Forum may be made available, at the discretion of the presenter, and time permitting, on our YouTube channel.
- If you are reading the Trinity Times online, you can simply find your way to our presence on the Internet by clicking on any of these links:
 - Trinity Memorial's Website: <https://TrinityMemorial.org>
 - Trinity Memorial's YouTube channel: youtube.com/@TrinityMemorial
 - Trinity Memorial's Forum recordings on YouTube: [Forum Playlist](#)
 - Trinity Memorial's Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/FacebookTrinity>
 - Trinity Memorial's ZOOM meeting: <http://TrinityZoom.org>

If you read the Trinity Times on a smartphone or tablet, you may also notice email addresses, phone numbers, and web sites appearing in blue lettering.; If so, that means you can just tap the email address or phone number, and your smartphone or tablet should start an email to the selected address, or a phone call to the selected number, respectively.

Trinity Memorial Church

Worship services ministries

February 2025	Altar Guild:	Ginny Hill, Darlene Croston	
February 2		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers	no service	Dan Hill, Ginny Hill
	Acolyte		David Scone
	Worship Leader		Barb Manzo
	Lector		Barbara Howell
	Eucharistic Ministers		Darlene Croston, Ken Lattimore, Louise Akel, Rayleen Kie, Bob Peterson
	Digital Minister		Bob Kuzia
	Coffee Hour		Ginny Hill
February 9			8:30 AM
	Ushers	no service	Bill Palmer, Jim Albert
	Acolyte		Phyllis Amenda
	Worship Leader		Bill Palmer
	Lector		John Chaffee
	Eucharistic Ministers		Bill Palmer, Peter Koeppel, Darlene Croston, Phil Evans, Phyllis Amenda
	Digital Minister		Carl Betcher
	Coffee Hour		Masha Britten
February 16			8:30 AM
	Ushers	no service	Dave Pierson, Diane Pierson
	Acolyte		Daniel Aribisala
	Worship Leader		Phyllis Amenda
	Lector		Darlene Croston
	Eucharistic Ministers		Phyllis Amenda, Bob Peterson, Nicole Huff, Phil Evans, Rayleen Kie
	Digital Minister		Bob Kuzia
	Coffee Hour		Joan Lacey
February 23			8:30 AM
	Ushers	no service	Pat Creagh, Bruce Parmelee
	Acolyte		Ken Lattimore
	Worship Leader		John Chaffee
	Lector		Kathy Corse
	Eucharistic Ministers		John Chaffee, Rayleen Kie, Bill Palmer, Deb Parmelee, Bob Peterson
	Digital Minister		Carl Betcher
	Coffee Hour		Masha Britten

Information is correct as of Jan 30, 2025; Lectors updated February 2, 2025

Canteen Schedule

We are offering a hot lunch to the neighborhood hungry in our dining room. Our prayers of thanks for all who share in this ministry!

Sunday Canteen	Group Cooking & Serving	Host/Hostess	
2/2/25	Friends of Trinity	S. Crowle	B. Crowle
2/9/25	St. Patrick's & Port Dickinson Baptist	C. Hanes	S. Hanes
2/16/25	St. Mark's & Canteen Volunteers	Bill Palmer	
2/23/25	Trinity Memorial	B Parmelee	D Parmelee
2/2/25	Friends of Trinity	S. Crowle	B. Crowle

Information is correct as of Jan 27, 2025

Our Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations Lists Need Your Help

Celebrating life's milestones with each other is as much a part of our life as members of the Trinity family, as is supporting each other in times of need.

When we give thanks for birthdays and anniversaries during Prayers of the People, we rely on lists that first appear in the Trinity Times (please see page 2 of this issue).

We need your help making sure that these lists are complete and correct, please!

If you notice something amiss in the *Birthday* and *Anniversary* congratulations, please let us know! "Amiss" could mean someone important missing (for which we apologize sincerely) or someone being recognized who doesn't have a relationship with our Trinity family any longer, or maybe an incorrect date.

Here's some background: in decades now past, these lists would be generated from our Membership Database, and then have several adjustments made manually. The resulting list would then be published in the Trinity Times and provide the foundation for thanking God for birthdays and anniversaries as part of the Prayers of the People.

We might be allowed to observe that, if a list generated from a database requires manual adjustments, the database might benefit from a bit of maintenance.

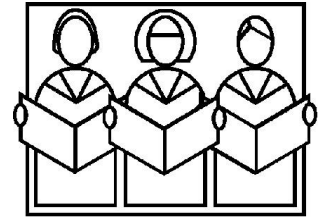
We've now invested some time in such maintenance in the hope that in the future we can generate these lists from our membership database without needing subsequent manual adjustments. We think we're close, but probably not quite there yet. So, please see above: we'd love your help making sure that everyone's celebration is prayerfully acknowledged! When you see something amiss with these lists, please let us know! Thank you!

KW Peter Koeppel, Editor, Trinity Times

Music Notes

To my dear friends in Christ,

Epiphany greetings to you all. During this extended season of Epiphany, I wanted to draw your attention to the service music that we have been singing. These eight Sundays have featured music and responses with text ranging across centuries and melodies from Welsh composer William Mathias and American composer Gerald R. Near. Epiphany is a season of discovery, growth, and renewal, all while focusing on deepening your faith. I hope these musical selections have aided you through this season.



Stanza six of our presentation hymn has been set to the Episcopal hymn *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* sung to the hymn tune **Deo Gracias**, also known as **Agincourt Carol**. This melody is based on an English folk song written sometime in the early 15th century¹. This carol is one of thirteen on the Trinity Carol Roll, a 15th century manuscript of thirteen English carols. It is the earliest surviving example of polyphonic music written in English².

William Mathias, notable Welsh composer of choral and Anglican music, wrote the music that we have been singing as our **Sanctus**. Mathias was a child prodigy, playing the piano at age 3 and composing at the age of 5. He was a prolific musician studying at the Royal Academy of Music, and eventually earning a faculty appointment at the University of Wales, Bangor from 1970-1988. His works consist of a single opera, and many orchestral, chamber, instrumental, organ, choral, and concertante works. He is well known for his contribution to Anglican church music. His most noted performance was the anthem *Let the people praise Thee, O God* written for the royal marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales in July of 1981. Mathias's contribution to the Anglican tradition is substantial and lasting. His

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By Manuscript c.1415, facsimile published in Fuller Maitland, J. A., ed., *English carols of the fifteenth century: from a MS. roll in the Library of Trinity College, Cambridge* (London, 1891) - https://archive.org/stream/englishcarols-off00full_0#page/n5/mode/2up, Public Domain

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¹ Selden Carol Book. Manuscript (15th century)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agincourt_Carol#/media/File:Agincourtcarol.jpg

² Deeming, Helen, *Deo Gratias Anglia!: The Trinity Carol Roll*, Obsidion (Classical Communications Ltd) 2012, CD709. Derived from Helen Deeming's longer *The sources and origin of the 'Agincourt Carol'* *Early Music*, Vol 35, No 1, February 2007, pp. 23-36

Music Notes (Continued)

setting of the **Sanctus** is bold, exciting, and allows for excitement when reciting the text, *Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might*³.

Lastly, I would like to talk about Gerald R. Near, American composer and also a significant contributor to the Anglican music tradition. Near is the composer of the Fraction Anthem we have been singing. His impressive resumé includes studying with Leslie Bassett, composer, Robert Glasgow, organist, Elizabeth Green, conductor, Dominick Argento, orchestral conducting, and Thomas Lancaster, conducting, receiving a McKnight Foundation Fellowship, gaining national recognition at the National AGO Convention in Washington, D.C. in 1982, and ultimately receiving an appointment as the organist, choirmaster, and Canon Precentor of St. Matthew's Cathedral in Dallas⁴. One can find many of his contributions throughout the service music section of our hymnal. Currently, Near resides in Santa Fe, NM.

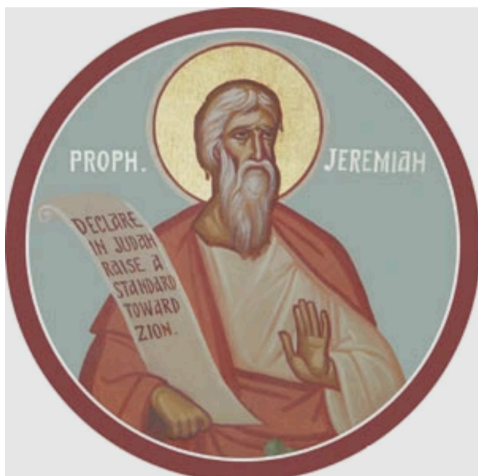
I encourage you to look closer at the many individuals who bring the wonderful music of this tradition to our lives. As we continue in this season, may we remember the awe that God works in our lives. May you each be provided with rich blessings and a renewed steadfast faith in God's work!

God's blessings to you all, Randy Frye,
Director of Music

³ Boyd, Malcolm (1980). "William Mathias". In Sadie, Stanley (ed.). *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*. Vol. xi (1st ed.). London: Macmillan. pp. 821-822.

⁴ Board of Reference: Gerald Near, ArtsEmpoweringLife – The Human Spirit Emboldened for Change. Last accessed 1/18/25 <https://artsempoweringlife.org/board/gerald-near/>

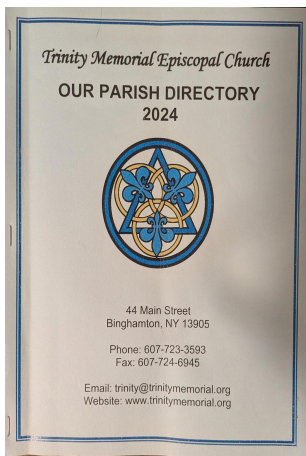
Lassus: The Lamentations of Jeremiah



Saturday, February 22, 2025 - 7:30 PM; Saint Patrick's Church

The Southern Tier Singers Collective will offer *The Lamentations of Jeremiah*, a stunning Renaissance polyphonic setting by Orlando Lassus, in the cathedral-like setting of Binghamton's Saint Patrick's Church (at the corner of Oak and Leroy streets). *The Lamentations of Jeremiah*, written in 1584, comes to life in this exciting and contemplative performance.

Updating Our Parish Directory



Our parish directory is an invaluable resource in helping us put names with beloved faces, and to provide contact information for all engaged in our outreach and pastoral care ministries or seeking friendly relationships within our beloved Trinity family.

We update our directory annually, usually in January. This year, we're going to take a bit of extra time to do that. Why - because many of the pictures in our 2024 Directory are approaching historical status. Just a few are fairly recent, many are probably 10 years old, if not older.

Here's how you can help: if you use a smartphone, send us your BEST selfie, or, if you know of someone who might need help, consider offering to take a nice picture of them and with their approval, send us that.

Also, we want to make sure that the directory is as current with contact information as possible.

So, an additional request we have for you is to please look at a draft copy of the directory which you will find in the Hoyt Room, and let us know of updates. You can either mark updates right in the copy, or send us an email.

Please send your best selfies and any updates to trinitytimes@trinitymemorial.org by February 28, 2025.



My Notes on Nationalism and Christianity

kwpk In my school years, I was not exactly a great student of history; funnily enough, I did get an "A" in the final oral exam (similar to NY's Regents Exam) because I got lucky and was asked about a topic I knew more about than I wished to know: history of Communism in Russia and the eventual USSR. This included Imperial Germany transporting Lenin in a sealed railroad car from his exile into Russia, to weaken the Tsarist regime's ability to engage with Germany on its Eastern front during World War I; Stalin starving millions of his subjects to death; suppression of anyone not paying fealty to the idea of Communism as expressed by the Party General Secretary.

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My Notes on Nationalism and Christianity (Continued)

Ok, now that we've got any questions concerning my qualifications as a historian out of the way, I'm going to "wade into the pool" again. I still hope you'll consider joining me.

For much of the first millennium and a half of European history, what defined you politically was the lord whose subject you were. As these lords feuded for territory, power political and economic, and sometimes just bragging rights, the state to which you belonged was defined by your lord, could change quickly, and often did.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, we see a new driver for political organization emerging: nationalism. Nationalism expressed a desire for people of shared kinship, culture and customs, and language to be united politically also: we're seeing the emergence of the alignment of Nation and State. This, of course, also means that "Othering" becomes a significant aspect of civic and political life.

Nationalism would tear the existing multi-ethnic political states of the time, particularly the Austro-Hungarian and the Ottoman empires, apart: the assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, heir presumptive to the Austro-Hungarian throne, and his wife, Sophie, on 28 June 1914 by Bosnian Serb student, with the aim of liberating Bosnia-Herzegovina from the Austro-Hungarian Empire, was a key event leading into World War I.

For the USA, I think Nationalism presents an entirely different challenge: as a state formed out of immigrant populations, initially mostly from Europe, eventually from all over the world, a kinship of language, culture and customs does not emerge organically from history. Rather, the challenge in building a Nation out of so many different cultures is one of assimilation - older newcomers bring their culture, customs, language and sense of kinship, newer newcomers bring theirs. As they - we pray - mix and mingle, we also pray that they all bring the best of what they as human beings have to offer into the emerging common nation. This requires us to be open to what everyone contributes, as well as being willing to contribute toward that idea of a common nation - a nation that unlike others in history does not emerge with a single, historical culture and sense of nationality, but which is being defined and constantly re-defined through the mutual acceptance by new immigrants of what's been built so far, and by older immigrant nation-builders of what each new group of immigrants brings to the emerging nation.

This mutual acceptance, I am tempted to argue, is not only at the root of the aspiration we know as "the American Experiment" as expressed in founding documents of the USA, but is also deeply and thoroughly Christian. So, I might argue that the USA aspires to be a Christian nation, but not in the establishment of Christian religion as a component of the state, but in the open welcome of immigrants from all over the world as new friends we just haven't met yet - "Christian" in the sense of the tolerance, embrace, care and love to which we are called by Jesus, not in the sense of "my reading of the Bible is the one and only correct and possible reading" intertwined with the power of the state.

Have I lost you? I hope not.

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One More Thing



Winter Wonderland, thanks to Cathy Corse, in our Hoyt Room.

All the wonderful decorations appearing over the course of a year in our Hoyt Room don't get there by themselves: we're blessed to have Cathy Corse in our Trinity Family, whose imagination, skill and commitment make the Hoyt Room a wonderful place to spend some time, chat, enjoy coffee or tea, a snack.

If you haven't done so already, please take some time to take a closer look at Cathy's decorations and enjoy!

Thank you very much, Cathy, and while we're at it, David Brown, and our Coffee Hour sponsors!!