



*Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols
Trumbull, CT*

*Trumbull Community Thanksgiving Service
November 19, 2023 3p.m.*

“Welcome to our Annual Thanksgiving Service. As children of a gracious Creator, we all worship God as the Provider of blessings in our lives. Therefore, we come together as friends and worshippers to give thanks to God. May this day give honor to God and encourage respect and love among the peoples of our community.”

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE: Duet: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” *Bicinium: Ein Feste Burg* Doug Serafin
Recorders

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “We Gather Together” Blue Hymnal # 433

A WORD OF WELCOME The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar
Trinity Episcopal Church

GREETINGS Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman of Trumbull

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103:1-8 The Rev. Dr. Kathleen Mills
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,**

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

**The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

He made known his ways to Moses,
His acts to the people of Israel.

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

OPENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Fr. Gregory Lozinskyy
St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church

Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, all to your glory; in your Holy Name, we pray. **Amen.**

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Bishop Ryan Munden
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty and justice,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the faithful of all generations, in all times and places,

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For our community of Trumbull, for coming together this day, for our friends and families, and for the ties that bind;

People: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: That we live with abundantly grateful hearts, in your service and to your glory.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 65 (*congregation to sing bolded verses*)

Trinity Choir

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
You make it very / plenteous
The river of God is / full of water.

**You pre/pare the grain
For you pro/vide for the earth.**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the / ridges
With heavy rain you soften the ground and / bless its increase.

**You crown the year with your / goodness
And your paths over/flow with plenty.**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for / grazing
And the / hills be clothed with joy.

**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
And the valleys cloak themselves with / grain
Let them / shout for joy and sing.**

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 8:7-18

The Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr.
Long Hill United Methodist Church

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar
Trinity Episcopal Church

HYMN: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Blue Hymnal # 290

CALL TO OFFERING

The Rev. Timothy Hare
Trumbull Congregational Church

Our offering this afternoon will benefit Trumbull Social Services, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, and the Thomas Merton Center. Please make your check payable to Trumbull Interfaith Council. In addition, the non-perishable food items will be donated to Trumbull Social Services. Thank you.

OFFERTORY HYMN: "The Thanksgiving Carol" (*German 15th Century*)

Trinity Choir

Fields of corn, give up your ears, Now your ears are heavy,
Wheat and oats and barley spears, All your harvest levy
Where your sheaves of plenty lean, Men once more the
grain shall glean Of the Ever Living,
God the Lord will bless the field, Bringing in its
autumn yield Gladly to Thanksgiving.

Vines, send in your bunch of grapes,, Now the bunch is clustered,
Be your gold and purple shapes Round the altar mustered.
Where the hanging bunches shine Men once more shall
taste the wine Of the Ever Living,
God the Lord will bless the root, Bringing in its
autumn fruit Gladly to Thanksgiving.

Garden, give your gayest flowers, Hedge, your wildest bring-in
Turn the churches into bowers Little birds shall sing-in.
Where the children sing their glee Men once more the
Flower shall see Of the Ever Living,
God the Lord will bless the throng, Lifting up its
autumn song Gladly in Thanksgiving.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Timothy Hare
Trumbull Congregational Church

*BENEDICTION

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar
Trinity Episcopal Church

CLOSING HYMN: "Praise to God in Mortal Praise"

Blue Hymnal # 288

POSTLUDE

*The altar flowers have been given by two families: Bob Pitzschler in loving memory of his wife Kathryn,
and Manny and Gayle Silva in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary.*

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And many thanks to:

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