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## Search Committee of Trinity Episcopal Church

### Silence

#### Opening Prayer—*said together*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for and love your people, and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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With gratitude, O God, we approach you this day. You have sustained and supported us through each step of our work. You have been our solid foundation as we have searched for pastoral leadership to help us rebuild, recommit, and move forward into your future. Surround us with your loving arms as we make this major decision, for we ask it in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen

### Reflection

*God is the interesting thing about religion, and people are hungry for God. But only a priest whose life is soaked in prayer, sacrifice, and love can, by his own spirit of adoring worship, help us to apprehend Him.... The future of organized Christianity hinges not on the triumph of this or that type of churchman's theology or doctrine, but on the interior spirit of poverty, chastity and obedience of the ordained. Care for the interior spirit is the first duty of every priest. Divine renewal can only come through those whose roots are in the world of prayer.*

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### When our work is done:

From Psalm 113

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; \* praise the Name of the LORD. Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, \* from this time forth for evermore. From the rising of the sun to its going down \* let the Name of the LORD be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, \* and his glory above the heavens.

### A Reading

O God, you will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are fixed on you; for in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be our strength. Isaiah 26:3; 30:15

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

### The Lord's Prayer

### The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.