

3-10-14 Search Committee Trinity Episcopal Church

Opening Prayer

It is far too easy, O God, to forget that we first joined the church because we wanted to learn more about you and do your will. As members of this committee, we ask for your guidance as we seek to discern your will; help us to know where you would lead us, to know what work you call us to do. Broaden us, challenge us, for we remember that the work we do describing our church is designed to reflect your glory. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Reflection

"Find a place in your heart," implores Theophan the Recluse, "and speak there with the Lord. It is the Lord's reception room."

God loves each one of us, beckoning us into a relationship that is personal, intimate, and faithful. God calls out to us, inviting us to share in the divine life. How can we hear that call? What could hearing it mean as we live day to day? How can we help each other hear God's voice and follow where God leads? How do we open that reception room in our hearts?"

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Period of Silence and Meditation

Closing Prayers

At the Close of Day (Daily Devotions BCP p. 140)

Psalm 134

Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

* you that stand by night in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; * the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark *Mark 3:7-19*

Lord, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah* 14:9,22

The following may be said together

Lord, you now have set your servant free * to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, * whom you have prepared for all the world to see; A Light to enlighten the nations, * and the glory of your people Israel.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.