



## 5-10-14 Search Committee of Trinity Episcopal Church

### Opening Prayer

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by the mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, p. 832)

### Reflection

We need to nurture the Christ in each person—individually, in small groups, and as responsible members of the larger Body of Christ. Ideally, support for ministry will begin where our life together begins—when we gather for worship. Regular worship together is the heartbeat of ministry, giving life and strength to our day-to-day efforts to respond to God's call. Said another way, the various groups supporting ministry in a Christian community are as spokes on a wheel; coming together for corporate worship brings us to the hub.

*The whole body is fitted and joined together,  
every joint adding its own strength. –Eph. 4:16 (JB)*

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### When our work is done

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.

*(BCP Daily Devotions, p. 138)*

### To consider this week

*You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.*

Thomas Merton