EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
TRINITY

Our mission is to welcome all, serve with love, and grow in Christ.



The Carillon

Thursday
November 5, 2026

2027 Stewardship Campaign: Fueling Vibrant Ministries

You Won't Get in Trouble for Your Pledge

Some of us worry that we'll get in trouble with The Big Bosses of the Church if we're unable to fulfill the financial pledge we made during the Stewardship campaign. We fear a late-night knock on the door from our Bishop, she who has come to collect the arrears on our pledge.

It doesn't work like that — at least not at Trinity. We recognize that circumstances change throughout the year. Perhaps a pledge simply cannot be met without hardship. Perhaps an unexpected raise at work or financial windfall provides an opportunity for gifts beyond your pledged amount.

A longtime faithful member of Trinity approached her pledge like this: Each year, she pledged an amount that felt generous. Then, throughout the year, she would give extra as she was able. During the next Stewardship campaign, she used her total giving — her pledge and her extra gifts — as a starting point for her next pledge.

Each of us has our own approach to our pledge. We understand our own generosity and our thankfulness for God's many blessings. Our pledge is a promise to ourselves to carry through on our commitment.

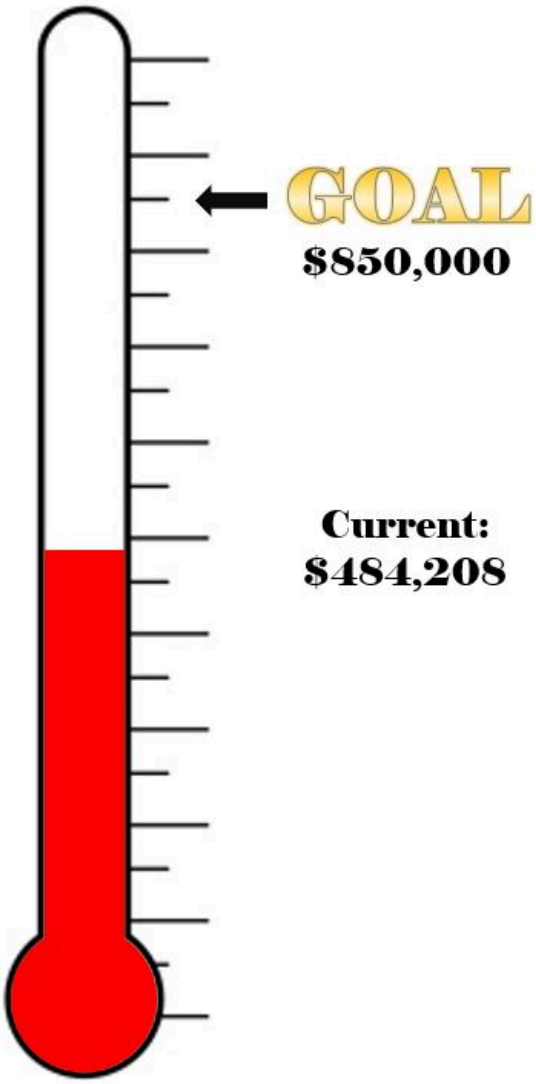
However we choose to honor our commitment to ourselves and our fellow parishioners, we know that we are fueling an exciting future. A survey this summer found the Trinity community eager to strengthen its service to our neighbors, enhance its music program, and boost outreach to groups such as 20s & 30s and members who can no longer drive.

Just to maintain the status quo next year — a level that doesn't provide any additional resources for Trinity to step boldly into its future — requires that our Stewardship initiatives raise $800,000. We are confident that the Trinity family is not satisfied with merely maintaining the status quo.

Your Stewardship team shares your excitement about the possibilities that lie just ahead. Make that commitment to Trinity and to yourself with a pledge in the next few days.

Click here to make your pledge online: **https://onrealm.org/trinityreno/-/form/pledge/pledgeofferings**

Our Progress So Far:



Good Neighbors Warming Center Training

The Good Neighbors Warming Center returns to Trinity next month! New and returning volunteers are invited to attend a training and orientation session. Details below.

Click here to access the training materials.


GOOD NEIGHBORS WARMING CENTER
VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND ORIENTATION
IT'S YEAR 3 OF OUR COMMUNITY LEAD WARMING CENTER
STARTING NOV 17TH!
PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING OUR VOLUNTEER TRAINING & ORIENTATIONS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
5:30-6:30PM TRAINING
6:30-9:00PM ORIENTATION WALK
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
209 W FIRST ST, RENO
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
5:30-6:30PM TRAINING
6:30-9:00PM ORIENTATION WALK
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC
310 W SECOND ST, RENO
FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT
GOODNEIGHBORSRENO@GMAIL.COM

Music Notes



Phantom of the Opera Silent Movie and Masked Costume Gala

Get ready for a night like no other! Experience the 1929 classic silent movie Phantom of the Opera on the big screen, with accompanying organ music improvised by the world-renowned Dorothy Papadakos on Nevada's finest organ.

Then, slip on your best mask and enjoy the Costume Gala that follows. A curated silent auction of great gift baskets containing gourmet utensils and other items will take place. **Proceeds benefit Trinity's Parish Hall Renovation Capital Campaign.**

Dress to impress and prepare for an unforgettable evening filled with music, mystery, and fun!

Friday, November 6, 5:30 pm. **Click here to purchase tickets**; $40 for performance only, $90 for performance and costume gala.



Enter the Masquerade… If You Dare



The Phantom stirs, and the night grows near. As we prepare for our Phantom of the Opera Masquerade, we invite you to cloak yourself in mystery and step into a world of shadows and splendor.

Wear your most hauntingly beautiful attire and join the competition:
• Best Dressed Man
• Best Dressed Woman
• Best Dressed Couple

Let your costume whisper secrets, shimmer in candlelight, and capture the dark romance of the opera. The stage is set. The masks await. And only the most captivating will rise above the rest.

Will you be one of them?



New Auction Items!

We're adding some special niche items to the Phantom Masquerade Silent Auction! Participants will be able to bid on reserved pews and/or parking places for the Christmas Eve and Easter Morning services.

You won't have to arrive extra early to get a good seat, or send a spare relative over to stand in a parking spot until the family arrives! Come just in time for the first note on the organ or park right next to the door so you don't even need a coat over your new Easter dress.

Silent Auction Details and News

What will be part of the Silent Auction?
11 baskets will be set up on the edge of the stage in the parish hall with bidding sheets and detailed descriptions of their contents, including the total retail value of the contents. Bid sheets will designate a minimum opening bid. Further bidding must be in at least $10 increments.

What is the process for bidding?
You will write your name and phone number on the bid sheet. You can return to increase your bid at any time while the auction is live. Competition intensifies as the end of the auction approaches.

What is the time frame?
The auction will be live from the start of masquerade gala (c. 8 p.m.) until 9 p.m. At that time, winners will be announced, and they will proceed to the auction area where payment by cash or check will be accepted, or they will be assisted in accessing the Cathedral web site to pay with a credit card.
You will then leave happily with your basket. We will have assistants available to help carry your basket to your car if needed.

What if I need to leave before the auction is over?
The office will contact you by phone in case you have won a basket and are not on site to pay for it at the close of the auction. You will need to arrange to pay and pick it up. After three attempts to contact the winner without receiving a response, the next lower bidder will be declared the winner and will be contacted to arrange payment and pick up.

What are the 11 baskets?
Holiday Host Thanksgiving: Featuring Williams Sonoma food products, cookbook, and wooden serving tray
Holiday Host Christmas: Featuring bread warmer, Pottery Barn appetizer plates, Williams Sonoma Peppermint Bark, and other food products
Holiday Baking: Featuring gingerbread man themed items including cookie cutters, cookbook, mixes, and wooden rolling pin
Williams Sonoma Gourmet: Featuring set of three rectangular Le Creuset baking dishes, variety of food products
Williams Sonoma Cooking: Featuring 2 All Clad skillets, Zwillig chef's knife, and several cooking tools
Cozy Home: Featuring Le Creuset square covered casserole, knitted throw
PBS Reno Gifts Galore: Featuring a year membership to PBS
Beer Basket: Featuring selection of craft beers, coasters, food items
Wine Basket: Featuring Stag's Leap Cabernet and Kunde Meritage, Stuart crystal wine glasses
Lavender Spa Basket: Featuring lavish assortment of bath products, soaps, and lotions
Relaxing Spa Basket: Featuring lavish assortment of bath products, soaps, and lotions





Left: Lori with the Holiday Baking basket; Right: The Williams Sonoma Gourmet basket

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Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Join us anytime; we always want to see you. Sunday School registration forms are always available downstairs in the Sunday School area. There is also a PDF you can download and fill out on the Trinity Website at the bottom of the page for Children's Christian Formation. Please complete this release form before your child goes into class.
Link to Parent Release Form:
https://trinityreno.org/christian-education/childrens-christian-formation/

The Canon's Corner

Following Jesus by Canon Donna

The Church is changing. Not just Trinity, or the Diocese of Nevada, or even the Episcopal Church, but the *whole* church, especially here in the western part of the world. At the annual synod of the Church of England, several dioceses are asking their national

church to create a designated fund to maintain church buildings. There are a number of large cathedrals and local church buildings that congregations simply cannot afford to maintain on their own. We have similar problems in our diocese (though admittedly with significantly newer buildings). Congregations are smaller than they once were. Going to church is no longer expected of everyone and people have many more options for how to spend their time on Sunday morning. The church isn't even necessarily seen as a valuable asset in the community anymore. This sounds rather bleak, but I think there's some really good news in the midst of this sea change that we're experiencing.

If church participation is no longer a social obligation, and if our buildings aren't working very well for us anymore, and if the community doesn't have many assumptions about who we are, we have great freedom to focus on the heart of who we're called to be as followers of Jesus. And we don't have to worry about anything that isn't following Jesus! So, how do we care for, renew, and use our buildings to follow Jesus? What programs, classes, or outreach activities do we offer to help one another follow Jesus? How do we worship together in ways that deepen our prayer, our self-offering, and our love for God and our neighbor? What practices or commitments might each of us incorporate into our daily lives in order to better follow Jesus?

The Bishop has said that 2027 will be a year of discernment about how we move forward as the Episcopal Church in Nevada, seeking to follow Jesus. Part of my ministry will be inviting our congregations into this conversation and asking them to discern how they can follow Jesus more fully. What that looks like in Ely, for example, will be really different than what it looks like in midtown Reno, or even Sparks. I think it's an exciting moment in the life of the church! We can set aside all the things that get in the way and focus on who Jesus calls us to be. What's on your list: what would you set aside in your life and what would help you follow Jesus more faithfully?

Donna +

Ministry News



Ministry Spotlight: Office Angels

One of the less-visible ways that Trinity parishioners offer their time and talent is on our Office Angels team. These behind-the-scenes helpers are the ones who answer the call when there are special projects in the Parish Office, when our administrator Sarah needs someone to cover for her, or any time our office staff need a few extra hands. It doesn't happen often, but when it does, it is such a blessing to have the backup.

Sarah will be holding an informational/training meeting on **Wednedsay, November 18 at 1 pm** in the Parish Office for all current and prospective members. All are welcome!

No experience or special skills are necessary to join the Office Angels- just a desire to help, and a friendly face behind the front desk. If you feel called to be a part of this special team, please reach out to Sarah at **info@trinityreno.org** to get involved.

Altar Guild News

When God created the universe and all that is in it and pronounced it good, He charged us with the care and responsibility of His creation. He made us stewards of it all. All of our ministries here at Trinity Cathedral have this trust as the basis of our work.

As congregants, we sit in the pews and look to the chancel where we see beautiful, richly colored and embellished silk damasks and fine white linens adorning the altar and pulpit. Collectively, these are known as paraments (from Latin parare, meaning "to prepare or adorn"). The liturgical garments worn by the clergy during worship services are known as vestments. These are made of fine fabrics as well to symbolize the sacredness of the liturgical moment.

Altar Guild is entrusted with the care of all elements used in our worship services: the paraments, vestments, candles, vessels, the bread and wine, and various other elements used in our worship services. As stewards thereof, we are mindful of our footprint and try to use earth-friendly products in their care and to repurpose as we are able when things wear out. But much loved and used things do wear out.

This past September, the AG team captains went to the Vestry to discuss and present a proposal for updating our paraments and vestments, under the guidance of Dean Tim. Currently we have a mixture of individual pieces, aging sets, and gifts that while beautiful are limited in their use—the goal is to have complete sets for each of our four liturgical seasons.

We presented a somewhat extensive list, based on our inventory, that was approved by the Vestry.
1. A new Easter Fair linen as our existing one is stained and damaged.
2. New chasuble and stole in white silk damask sized for Canons Diana and Donna; and Cope in white silk damask for Canon Donna. Each priest has their own cope. Our existing white chasuble will be sent for repairs (20 years of wear and tear) once the new chasuble arrives. We need two chasubles for each liturgical color: one sized large and one sized small.

3. New green silk damask chasuble and stole to fit Canons Donna and Diana, or other priests who may join us or visit us that require a smaller chasuble.
4. New Advent and Lent (purple) sanctuary set: (two chasubles with stoles, one large and one small; superfrontal; pulpit fall; burse and veil). Our existing purple set is quite 'tired' and has a small chasuble that does not fit Dean Tim.
5. New Red set (two chasubles with stoles, superfrontal, pulpit fall, burse and veil). Our existing red set is specific only to Palm Sunday and the chasuble does not fit Dean Tim.

The approaching liturgical season is Advent, for which the color is purple.

All of this as well as weekly care and set up of services is part of ongoing stewardship that is the beloved Altar Guild ministry. It enriches not only we who serve, but the services themselves along with Trinity's myriad other ministries: the choir, housekeeping, ushers, Sunday school, education forums, potluck groups, youth ministry, community outreach (Sack Lunch!!!), Eucharist visits to the homebound or ill, baby bundles, lectors, acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, Vergers… the list goes on.

Altar Guild endeavors to be a continuing vital part of our vibrant Cathedral.

Flower Guild News

The Flower Guild, working with the Daughters of the King, will be making small arrangements to be distributed to Trinity's membership and community at large. The arrangements will utilize flowers from the weekly altar arrangements, and we need some medium sized vases that you may have from past gifts.

If you have some vases to spare, bring them to church and make sure Howard Bennett or Sandi Brooke know. We are not looking for hundreds of vases…just some to get started!

Thanks for your continuing support of our ministry.

Second Friday Social Hour - Don't Miss It!

Our next Social Hour will be held at **Buenos Grill** in Mayberry Landing, owned by our very own Mimi Butler, on **Friday, Nov. 13 from 4-6**. There will be Happy Hour drink specials offered from 3:30-5:30 PM. There are plentiful tacos and appetizers at reasonable prices. Please plan to join our lively group of Trinity members. Call **775-787-8226** with any questions.

Divinely Fine Women November

Please join the Divinely Fine Women of our church for its next gathering on **Saturday, November 14 at 10:30 am**, at House of Bread on **1185 California Avenue**, Reno.

The group is for all women of the parish with its goal being to establish new and renew old friendships within our church. Please come back if you attended in the past and come if you have not attended or are new to the church.

Call Susan Lombardi at **775-329-2044** (landline) to RSVP, or text **775-530-4602** or email **hlwrno@gmail.com**. Please plan to attend and spread the word.

A Lot of Good Men November

Saturday, November 14th
8:00 am Breakfast
Two Chicks
5851 So. Virginia

Contact Clyde at **cnp_reno@yahoo.com** to RSVP.

All men of Trinity are automatically a part of this group. We want to foster friendship and support for one another.



ALOGM Lunch at Skipolini's
Photo courtesy of Clyde Ikehara

A Word From Your Endowment Committee

Since Trinity has been meaningful in your life, please remember our congregation in your year-end and estate plans.

Let's say that again- Since Trinity has been meaningful in your life, please remember our congregation in your year-end and estate plans. What does our congregation mean to you, your spouse, children, and community overall? Think about our music, fellowship, outreach to the community, opportunities to serve and of course, the clear presentation of God's word and its application to our life. Then, translate that into a gift to our endowment fund and by doing so provide for our congregation's earthly future.

There are many ways to give- cash, check, stocks, retirement fund assets, required minimum distributions (RMDs), property- the list is almost endless. Our endowment committee- Harvey Fennell, Kait Flochini, Eric Meagher, Kurt Mische, and Dean Tim- can visit with you about your ideas and ways you can give.

So, let's all think about what Trinity has meant to each of us-and how we can remember that in our giving plans.



Adult Sunday School

Every Sunday during the Sunday School time, after the 9 am Service and before the 11 am Service
Meet at the coffee area and we'll head to a meeting room.

We will discuss how God is working in our lives with the following prompts:
• What message do you remember from last Sunday's sermon or last week's Carillon and how has it affected your life? (Please no spoilers from this Sunday's sermon from those attending the 9 am service)
• We will be learning Ignation Prayer, so as you prayed, directed by the lectionary readings from last week, what impact did it have on you?

Bringing an answer to one of these questions to share is a challenge, not an expectation. We expect one or two responses will drive plenty of discussion.

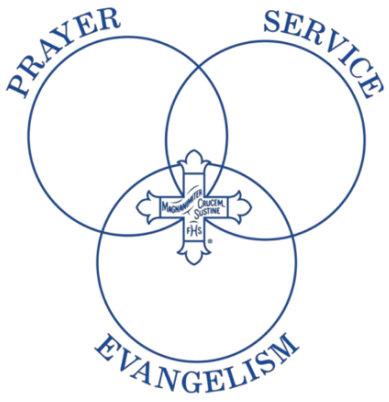
All adults are invited!
For more information contact Rodney Porter at **porter.rodney@sbcglobal.net**.



A Note from the Daughters of the King on Trinity's Angel Tree Project

For almost ten years, our Daughters of the King chapter has had the privilege of organizing Trinity's Angel Tree Project, led with such heart by Debbie Zalmana. This year we'll be stepping back from that role so we can discern new ways to serve this parish we love.

None of that joy was ever ours alone — it was you, our Trinity family, who shopped, wrapped, and gave so generously every year. We will be forever grateful to Sandi Brooke for preparing the wonderful dinner DOK gave each year to kick off the season of giving, and to ALOGM (A Lot of Good Men) and our youth program for their help with set-up and clean-up. Thank you for helping us bring Christmas joy to hundreds of children and families at Stead Elementary over the years; your generosity truly changed lives.



If you're looking for a way to keep that same spirit of giving alive this Christmas, we'd love for you to consider Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada's Operation Stocking Stuffer, or The Children's Cabinet's Adopt-a-Family program — two wonderful local ministries doing beautiful work for children right here in our community. We are so grateful for every year you walked this journey with us, and we can't wait to see how God leads us all in new ways to serve.

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada's Operation Stocking Stuffer is a program for parents who need extra help for Christmas presents for their children. Parents then have the opportunity to give the stockings to their children on Christmas. Contact Operation Stocking Stuffer at **775-322-7073**, or visit their website at **https://ccsnn.org/pages/operation-stocking-stuffer**.

The Children's Cabinet's Adopt-a-Family program offers several ways to participate in Christmas Giving. Please contact Danielle Eaton at **775-856-7601** or by email at **family@childrenscabinet.org**, or visit their website at **https://www.childrenscabinet.org/how-you-can-help/adopt-a-family/**.

Membership News

Deaths

- Our beloved Annie Hall departed on October 25. Funeral details to be determined.

Do you have membership news to share?

If you would like to share tidings of a birth, marriage, or death in your family,
please email your news to **info@trinityreno.org** by 3 pm Wednesday
to be included in Friday's Carillon.

Prayer Concerns

Trinity Family and Friends
Glen, Emily, Julie, Bryan, Bruce, Tommy, Pat, Matthew, Pete, Katherine, Dan, Sally, John, Cleta, Carol, Joe, Eric, Brooks; in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we join the Bishop in praying for St. Martin in the Desert, Pahrump
Departed
Mary, Charlie, Len, Susan, Annie
Bereaved
Eloy, the Voorhees and Fisk families, Marlyse and family, the Hall family

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage. Amen.

The prayer list is updated regularly; names remain on the prayer list for six weeks.
We pray for those in our church community who are currently experiencing a health crisis.
Email **prayerteam@trinityreno.org** to let us know of your prayer request.

Healing Eucharist

Healing Eucharist is held every Wednesday at noon in the Bishop Lewis Chapel. During the service, the names of those on the prayer list are read aloud and those wishing to be anointed with oil may come forward or may be anointed on behalf of someone else. All are welcome to attend.

Four Steps for Submitting Items to the Carillon

Wondering how to get Trinity news and happenings into the Carillon? Here's what to do:

1. Write the information the way you'd like it to appear in the Carillon. Although we will edit submissions as needed, it's very helpful to get items that are fully written out.

2. If you'd like a graphic or photo to go with your submission, please send the graphic or photo as an attachment to the email. This makes it much easier to include than if you embed the image in the email itself.

3. Email your submission to the Trinity office: **info@trinityreno.org**.

4. Mind the weekly deadline: **3 pm on Wednesday** for the Thursday Carillon.

The Vestry

2027 - Margaret Brown, Rebecca Dixon, Aaron Koning, Eric Nummela
2028 - Josette Dornoff, Katherine Mahannah, Gary Warren, Nan Marie Wollam (Senior Warden)
2029 - Alex Dyer, Jacob Macaluso, Eric Meagher (Junior Warden)
Youth Representative: Natalie Humphries

Heavenly Father, give our wardens and vestry a daily renewal of your presence, uphold them with your peace, a peace that passes all understanding, enlighten them with your word, and strengthen them with your grace. Amen.

Worship With Us Online

Sunday worship at 11:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGYbPbauG4TbNTpgnZpGFfw

Weekend Ministers

Altar Guild: Karen Henke, Juliette Leneaux, Jody Robinson, Hunter Spencer, Anne Towner.
5 pm: Dean Timothy Watt preaching and presiding. Gary Fuller, Jody Baden, Lectors; Jody Baden, Intercessor; Barbara Marquand, EM.
7:30 am: Canon Diana Turner preaching and presiding. Garrett White, Server; Jessie Clark, Lector; Joe Nishikida, Nancy MacDonald, Ushers.
9 am: Canon Diana Turner preaching, Canon Donna McNiel presiding. Ethan Rixom, Crucifer; Aaron Humphries, Server; Anna Allen, Intercessor; Dennise Howard, Luke Wolfe, EMs; the Flocchini family, Ushers.
11 am: Canon Diana Turner preaching, Canon Donna McNiel presiding. Terry Cain, Verger; Lisa Otterson, Crucifer; Hunter Spencer, Acolyte; Linda Richards, Laura Dilley, EMs; Lisa Otterson, Juliette Leneaux, Lectors; Frank Baird, Intercessor; Clyde Ikehara, Chris Zierten, Ushers.

Statistics From Last Week

Attendance for 5 pm service: 16
Attendance for 7:30 am service: 27
Attendance for 9 am service: 36
Attendance for 11 am service: 102
YouTube views of Sunday service: 99

Last Week's Offerings: $7713

Weekly Prayer

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:
St. Martin in the Desert, Pahrump

In our Anglican Communion we pray for:
Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

The Lessons Appointed for Use on the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Collect of the Day
Rite I:
O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is

pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

Rite II:
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Response: Psalm 70
1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But

the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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