

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

839 Haddon Avenue Collingswood, NJ 08108

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Dear Holy Trinity Family,

"It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth".

These words are spoken at every Holy Eucharist. They are a part of *The Great Thanksgiving*. Each Sunday, as we come together as a church family, we bring our contributions, set the table, and share this spiritual meal. We gather in thanksgiving for all of the blessings we have received, and we commit ourselves to sharing these gifts with others in our daily lives.

We do the same when we gather with our own families to share a meal. We bring something to share, set the table, and find ourselves grateful for the blessing of the meal. We are fed physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We take the time to be present with each other and focus our attention on the relationships we treasure.

We are entering a season of giving thanks and of hopeful anticipation, both at home and at church. It is a season during which we renew and recommit to our relationships, and we offer what we have been blessed with to each other. I invite you all to take part in this *giving of thanks*, to join together as stewards of the blessings we have already received at Holy Trinity Church, and to recommit to continuing and expanding the good works of this family.

Each of us has been gifted by God with the means to love and serve both our Creator and each other. Some will have the ability to contribute financially, some will have specific talents for furthering the mission of our family, and others will have the gift of time that can be offered. I humbly ask that each of you spend the next week, in prayerful consideration, discerning what you might be able to offer to the mission of Holy Trinity. Your gifts help to ensure that we are able to continue setting the table and preparing our spiritual meal, so that each of us might be fed.

Please make every effort to be in church on Sunday, November 24 as we celebrate our annual Stewardship Sunday for 2025. I ask that you read the enclosed brochure and bring your Estimate of Giving card on Stewardship Sunday. Our collective stewardship is a thanksgiving to God and our commitment to the ongoing mission and ministry of our beloved Church.

"And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

With much gratitude for the blessing that each of you are,

Joe Sirak

Junior Warden and Stewardship Committee Chairperson