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Trinity Episcopal Church
Torrington, CT
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that everyone is staying healthy.

As cases of COVID-19 rise and the coronavirus continues to spread, the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) has recommended further reduction in people on site for the production of and participation in services to a maximum of 5.

This is in voluntary compliance with the governor's **Executive Order 7N** signed March 26, 2020. The stream will continue to run Sunday morning at 8:55am. The link to the stream, as well as a digital version of the bulletin, will be posted on our parish homepage, <https://www.trinity-torrington.org/> If you are unable to participate virtually, please consider taking time to pray at 9am on Sunday so that we can continue to be a community united in prayer and spirit. You can do so with a Prayerbook, by using the 1979 Prayerbook online at <https://www.bcponline.org/> or some other way that you find spiritually nourishing and connects you with our community.

If you have any prayer requests you would like offered up in the Sunday service, please email them to me at clergy@trinity-torrington.org, the pastoral care team at pastoral@trinity-torrington.org, or call and inform Mel in the office.

Pledges are still greatly appreciated as we still have staff and overhead during this period of disruption. Mel will maintain normal office hours, 9a-1p Monday through Friday, though some of these hours will start being worked remotely. Tim will continue preparing music for the services, and I will continue serving as your priest here in Torrington. I recommend you call the office or send Mel or I an email to make sure someone is there to orchestrate a hand-off of some kind as we are using more digital tools to work from home. Again, **please do not make plans to come by the office if you are feeling unwell**. You can also give online through the website, clicking the blue "Donate" button here: <https://www.trinity-torrington.org/annual-pledged-giving>

I look forward to the day when we can all gather again - for now we must just be faithful and patient, united in prayer and spirit longing for the reunion of our community.

Please reach out to me or any of our capable leadership if you have any questions or concerns.

Faithfully,
Fr. Nik Combs