Trinity Episcopal Church

October 12, 2025: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 10am Choral Eucharist

Welcome to Our Parish

We are glad to have you with us for our worship today, to share in the inclusive, ever-abundant love of God. If you would like to learn more about life here at Trinity, please fill out a **Welcome Card** found in the pew racks in front of you; join us for refreshments after the service; and visit our **website** at **trinitysb.org**.

For an explanation of why worship at Trinity looks and sounds like it does, scan the QR code for our **Guide to the Episcopal Liturgy.**



Open Communion. Whatever tradition you come from, and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at our communion table. You will find simple directions on how to participate in the Holy Communion section of the program. Gluten-free wafers are available—just ask when the bread is presented to you.

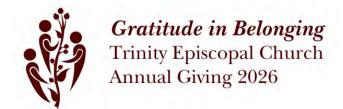
Prayer Ministers. During communion at the 10am service, two prayer ministers are available at the back of the church to pray. The three of you will pray together in a circle and you will be offered anointing with oil.

Children. On Sundays, Trinity offers religious formation for our children (ages 3 to 12) through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. It takes place as early as 9am in the church school building behind the sanctuary. Children are brought into the church during the offertory hymn to join us for communion at the 10am service.

Nursery and Toddler Care is from 9:45am to the end of the 10am service on Sundays in the nursery upstairs. During the offertory hymn, you are welcome to gather your child from the nursery to join you for communion in the church.

Trinity's Youth Group (grades 7-12) meets weekly during the school year for fellowship and reflection.

Our ushers are always glad to be of assistance, including answering questions, providing hearing loops as needed, and giving directions to the church school building, the nursery, and other on-site facilities.



The theme for this year's annual giving campaign at Trinity, *Gratitude in Belonging*, is inspired by Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, *The Serviceberry*, which advocates for the lessons of the natural world as a model for how humanity can not only survive, but thrive. She writes analogically, using what she knows of the qualities of the serviceberry plant to draw a connection from the serviceberry's abundance, to our sense of gratitude when we receive its fruit, to the relationships we foster when we share what we've received—all of it leading to our collective well being.

Here at Trinity, I'm delighted and grateful to witness so many seeds of relationship, service and generosity being sown within and outside of our church walls. We flourish as a faith community when we work together to make Trinity a place of safety and belonging, where all people can come to know they are beloved of God, and then are invited to share that message of expansive and inclusive love and hope in a hurting world.

I invite you to take home a pledge packet, review the enclosed materials, and consider what financial commitment you can make for your 2026 pledge in support of, and with gratitude for, belonging to this faith community that provides so many opportunities to make God's abundance, justice, and love real and tangible in our own lives and in the world.

The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector

Ministers of Today's Liturgy

8am Service

Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector

Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector

Deacon: The Rev. John Draper **Director of Music:** Thomas Joyce

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Diana Buzerak

Reader: Sarah Fenstermaker Intercessor: Bob Burtness Acolyte: Nollie Lei Dawson

Ushers: Mark Benson, Anita Perez Ferguson

9am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechists: Mac McNeel, Robin Selzler,

Cathy Jones-Aidnik

Volunteers: Elizabeth Patterson, Libby Yardi,

Jeannie Christensen, David Drabik

Director of Children and Youth: Theo Patterson

9am Nursery

Theo Patterson

10am Service

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The Trinity Choir

Prayer Ministers: Caryl Ann Casbon **Acolytes:** Terre Sanitate, Gwyneth Thomas,

Eliza Selzler

Reader: Shawn Carey
Intercessor: Dodie Little

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Clare Carey-Pisani,

Donna Sugano, Anna Kokotovic **Audio Guild:** Mitchell Thomas **Stream Team:** Abby Selzler

Ushers: Jeffrey Krutzsch, Kathleen Rogers,

Ellen Smith

Greeters: RJ Plummer, Cyndie Genzmer,

Susan Zink

Welcome Table: Mel Sahyun, Susan Zink Altar Guild: Susan Krutzsch, Sarah McCarter,

Nollie Lei Dawson

Coffee Hour Helpers: Alex ander Thomas,

Jim Goodner, Mary Heumphreus Flower Guild: Betsy Sweda

Bouquet Blessings: Marguerite Williams,

Barb Howell

Remember in Your Prayers

Veronica, Men of Lompoc prison, people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, undocumented immigrants, Randy Howard, David Davis, John and Yvette Hoffman, Nina Zimmer, Edith Hollister, Nick Johanson, Danae and Kaila, the Williams Family, Elizabeth Scagel, Ken Sorgman, Ryley, Sarah Dobbs, Katie Troy, Susan Zink, Maya and Rowen, the Bergquist family, Kate Kelly, Leslie Campbell, Nancy Siris-Rawls, Bishop Sarah Mullally, Charles Lean.

Those with Long Term Illness:

Rachel Roitman, Dave Wyman, Judy Boyd, Ellen Sherman, Stephanie Campbell, Royal Claydon, Greg Hawkins, Carolyn Roberts, Michael Wilds, Karen Myers, Johnny Mac, Jack Carey, Karen McKenzie, Joan W., Cindy Sprague, the Rt. Rev. William Smalley, Rick Huyett, Ada A., Tim, Kate, Molly Ferro, Jane G., Gloria C., Barbara Winslow, Gail Lanonette, Kathy Floyd, Vera Grigorian, Scott Smallwood, Joaquin and Jan, Quinn Sellars, Jane Arnold, Billy Jones, Gina B., Nadine Wilcox, Jane Ramshaw, Travis Stockstill, Virginia Burris, Kathy and Steve Stuck, Bruce Freeman.

For the Departed:

Steve Henderson, David Edwards, Jim Heine, Melissa and Marc Hortman, Blanca Victoria Reese, Mark, John McCoy, Walter Patterson, Lynda Rothman, Irene Sahyun, Uncle Ferdy, Adele Peters, Robin Minnerly, Kenny Scagel, Edwin Weston, David Kain, Joan Rosemary Churchill, the Very Rev. Michael Pitts, Charlie Kirk and all victims of gun violence, Earl & Maryon, Christian Garvin, Matthew Bergquist, Jane Goodall.

In the Armed Services:

Craig and Catherine Christ, Michael C. Fish, David Dees, Frederick Johnston, Nicole A. Dennis, Kyle Ray, John Whitney, Sean Dunbar, Nicholas Hoegh Guldberg, Ryan Carey, Ben Wilson, Hannah Vadnais.

Postulant for Holy Orders (diaconate):

Phylene Wiggins

Pastoral Care:

If you would like names added to the prayer list, please contact the office. Names will be removed after 90 days. If you would like to receive communion at home, are going into the hospital or are otherwise in need of pastoral care, and would like to pray with or be visited by clergy, please email office@trinitysb.org or call 805-965-7419.

Flower Dedication:

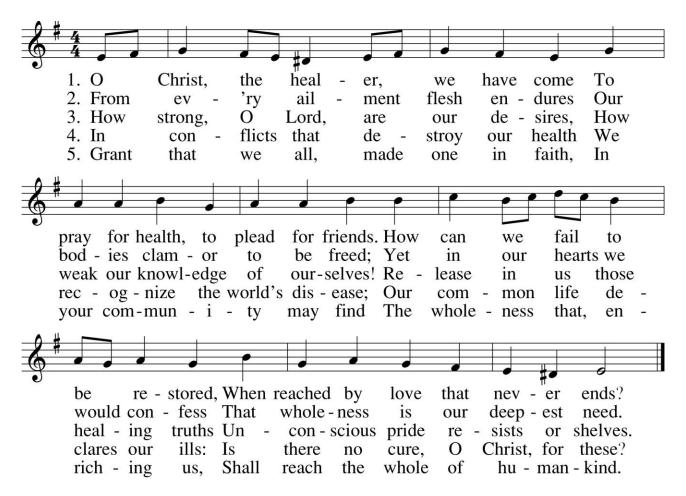
Today's flowers are given by Lynn Menefee, in memory and thanks for the life of Leslie Bruel.

Prelude Ascension Patrick Lindley

All who are able, please stand for the Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn

O Christ, the healer, we have come



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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity

Loving God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



Collect of the Day

adapted from Feasting on the Word

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. God of our salvation, you are the source of wisdom and joy. Your love and

mercies are not limited to one time or to one people. You continue to heal and to save, transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set. For such expansive love, we

offer all our thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Lesson Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God



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REFRAIN

Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your name."

Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful are your deeds toward all people.

REFRAIN

God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in you.

In might God rules for ever; and keeps watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against you.

Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of praise to be heard;

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Stories of Gratitude in Belonging

Instead of the second reading, we will be hearing from the living scripture that is our lives. For three Sundays in October during our Annual Giving season, we will hear parishioners share stories of where they have found gratitude in belonging. This week, our story comes from Ellen O'Connell Whittet in conversation with Rev. Sarah Thomas.

All who are able, please stand.

Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.

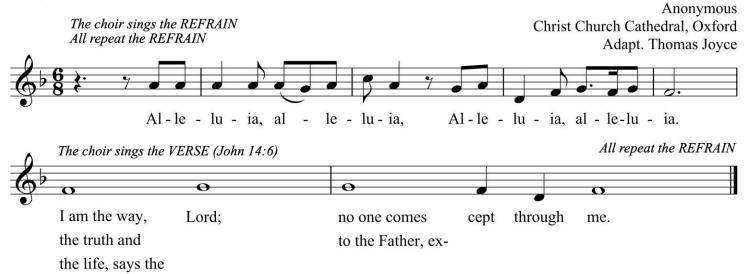
For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

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Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel Luke 17:11-19

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon The Rev. Sarah Thomas

[Allow for a few moments of silence]

All who are able, please stand.

We believe in God who made us all, and whose divinity infuses life with the sacred. We believe in the multiple revelations of God, alive in every human heart, expressed in every culture, found in all the wisdoms of the world.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who leads us to the fullness of humanity, to what we are meant to become. Through Christ, we become new people, called beyond the consequences of our brokenness, lifted to the fullness of life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God on earth, who keeps the Christ vision present to souls yet in darkness, gives light to hearts now blind, infuses energy into spirits yet weary, isolated, searching and confused.

We believe in God who is life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

adapted from White & Graves, Hear Our Prayer

Healing God, we praise you and we thank you for all your gifts; hear now our prayers as we lift our voices and say, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant that your church might be a light in the darkness, a refuge in uncertainty, and an example of love in action to bring forth a world healed by love. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bring together the people of this nation in reconciliation and peace, that together we might build a community whose foundation is the recognition of the dignity of all people. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Light a fire in our hearts, that we might feel compelled to show your love in our actions and words throughout the moments of our daily lives. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

May your peace and justice prevail in areas of conflict around the world, that all people everywhere may know liberty and be free to live into their God-granted potential. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Mend what is broken and make whole what is missing in the lives of all who suffer and grant your healing power to those in need. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and for those we name aloud or silently.

[Pause to offer names.]

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

May those who have died know the eternal embrace of your love. May those who mourn be comforted. May you welcome each of us in the moment of our deaths into your presence.

[Pause to offer names.]

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect:

Loving God, you have always provided all that we need and showed us the path to abundant life made manifest in your Son, Christ Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and always, Amen.

Confession

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

People God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf; Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the

grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of

the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated.

Announcements

The Offertory

To make or pay your pledge, scan the QR code with your smart phone. We also gratefully receive checks in the offertory plate or mailed to 1500 State St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.



Please stay seated as the offering plates are passed, then stand, as you are able, as the ushers bring forward the offerings of bread, wine and money to the altar.

Presider All things come of you, O God.

People And of your own have we given you.

Offertory Anthem We Cannot Measure How You Heal

Scottish Traditional, arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

We cannot measure how You heal or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

So some have come who need Your help and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain and make Your broken people whole.

- John L. Bell and Graham Maule

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

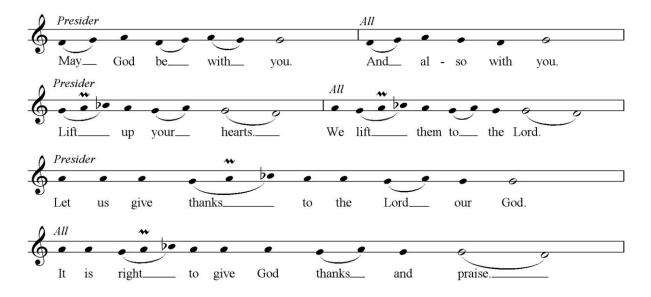
Entrance of the Children into the Sanctuary

Offertory Hymn 571

All who love and serve our city

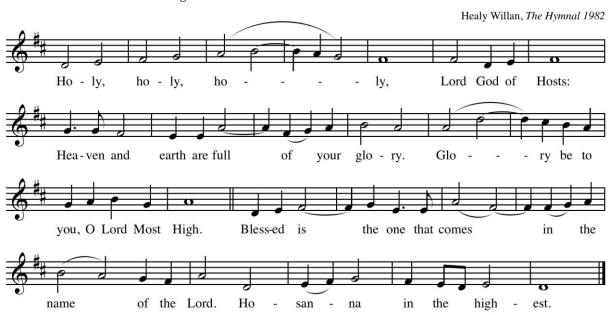
The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching our Worship



Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



Presider

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into new life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ.

People

Dying, you destroyed our death, Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and the Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of your true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now let us pray together, in the words Jesus gave his disciples:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.





The Invitation

Presider These are the gifts of God for you, the holy and beloved people of God.

The Holy Communion

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table for communion. Please come forward to receive communion standing in a semi-circle around the altar. You have the option to receive only the bread, or the bread intincted (dipped) into the wine and placed into your hand by the clergy person distributing communion. If you wish to receive only the bread, please say "bread only" as it's your turn to receive. Gluten free wafers are also available.

Regardless of whether you're receiving the bread only, or the bread and wine, you will hear the phrases, "the body of Christ, the bread of heaven" and "the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" as communion is offered to you. As the ushers invite your row, please use the center aisle to receive communion, then return to your seat via the side aisle. If you're unable to leave your pew, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you. If you do not wish to receive communion, simply cross your arms across your chest; this will signal to the clergy to offer a blessing in lieu of communion.

Prayer ministers are available at the back of the church to pray for personal needs or concerns or to share your joys. If desired, anointing with holy oil is available from the prayer ministers as well.

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian In My Heart

African American Spiritual Arr. David Lantz III (b.1956)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Music at Communion

Communion Anthem

Improvisation

Patrick Lindley

Post Communion Prayer

Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame, burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ. Amen.

Commendation of Eucharistic Visitors

Presider Beloved community, we send our eucharistic visitors to share this Holy Communion with

those who could not worship here today.

People May they carry the prayers of all of us as they take the sacrament of the

presence of Christ.

The Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon Our worship has ended, our service begins. Go in peace to love and serve God and one

another.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Trumpet Tune in G Major David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

Coffee Hour

Our fellowship continues at Coffee Hour. Please join us outside on the labyrinth.

We are glad to have you with us for our worship today, to share in the inclusive, ever-abundant love of God. If you would like to learn more about life here at Trinity, please visit our website at trinitysb.org.

New to Trinity? Please know you are welcome! Fill out the newcomer card in the pew rack or complete the online form using the QR code below so we can get to know you better!





Upcoming Events and Announcements

Introduction to Center Prayer – Sunday, October 12, 11:30am – 12:15pm

Please join us in the Guild Hall for a presentation on the contemplative practice of Centering Prayer. You will learn about this form of silent prayer, the history of this ancient practice of early Christianity and how to practice this form of prayer. For additional information, contact Rev. Christine Purcell at christinefpurcell@gmail.com

Communion Bread Baking Session - Saturday, October 18, 10am-noon

Trinity offers baked bread rounds for communion at Sunday services. Parishioners gather every few months in the Trinity kitchen. Every session will have one baker leading and a few more people helping to make the dough, bake, and clean up. No experience needed! Sign up online on the website under *Upcoming Events*.

Halloween Hullabaloo – Saturday, October 25, 5-8pm

The entire parish is invited to the Children and Youth Council (CYC) sponsored Spooktacular Halloween Hullabaloo! Get ready for a night of spooky fun, crazy costumes, and eerie excitement! Ghosts and ghouls alike will gather for a fantastic evening of food, fun, and festivities.

Sacred Resistance Forum - Sunday, October 26, 11:30am - 1pm

The Rev. Dr. Francisco Garcia will be preaching at both services, followed by a forum on the Sacred Resistance movement in our diocese. Francisco is an Episcopal priest in LA and a seasoned community organizer. If you are wondering what is happening in and around LA and what more can be done here in Santa Barbara in support of undocumented immigrants, come to the forum in the parish hall beginning roughly at 11:30am.

Trinity Men's Group - Monday, November 3, 4pm

Trinity Men's Group meets on the first Monday of each month in the Trinity library. After the meeting, anyone who finds it convenient is welcome to gather at Santa Barbara Public Market to share a meal.



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