Ringing of the Bell of Hope

September 11, 2022, 8:40am
Mission

In the spirit of the Gospels, the mission of Trinity Church Wall Street is to build generations of faithful leadership, to build up neighborhoods, and to build financial capacity for holy service in New York City and around the world. Our mission is grounded in our core values.

Vision

We seek to serve and heal the world by building neighborhoods that live gospel truths, generations of faithful leaders, and sustainable communities.

Core Values

Faith
“For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” —MATTHEW 17:20

Integrity
“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” —PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Inclusiveness
“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” —GALATIANS 3:28

Compassion
“When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.”
—MATTHEW 14:14

Social Justice
“He has showed you what is good; and what the Lord requires of you: to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.”
—MICAH 6:8

Stewardship
“There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. After them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; the famine will consume the world.” —GENESIS 41:29-30

Core Values guide us in carrying out our mission and realizing our vision.

By their nature, core values are touchstones for prayer, discernment, ongoing conversation, and action. We seek a deep understanding and ongoing engagement with Trinity’s Core Values. Over the years, we will continue reflecting on what our Core Values mean in their application; how they challenge and inform decisions and actions in Trinity’s ministries, and how they help our ministries be aligned with our mission and vision.
About this Service
The Bell of Hope

This bell—the Bell of Hope—was given to us, the people of New York, by the City of London after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. It was created by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London's East End, where the original Liberty Bell was cast in 1752.

Despite its proximity to the World Trade Center site—fewer than 100 yards away—St. Paul's Chapel remained unscathed by the destruction, becoming known as “The Little Chapel that Stood.” Approximately 1.5 million people now visit St. Paul's Chapel annually. It is a place of global pilgrimage.

In the first days after the attacks, the Episcopal community in New York set up barbecues at St. Paul's to help feed the first responders. For nine months afterward, St Paul's Chapel served as a sanctuary for Ground Zero workers, with thousands of volunteers providing food, shelter, and spiritual support. Trinity and St. Paul's continue active ministries to those in need today.

We ring the bell every September 11 at 8:46 am, the time that the north tower of the World Trade Center was struck by the first hijacked airplane. The tolling reminds us of our brothers and sisters who died, and we join the city and the nation in offering prayers for God's peace upon them, their families, and their communities.

We hope our observances, and our remembrances, offer comfort and the embrace of a hopeful future.

Prayers for Peace and Reconciliation

All gather around the Bell of Hope in the churchyard of St. Paul's Chapel.

Welcome—8:40am

Jesus sets before us the hope of the kingdom of God. All that is broken will be bound up in God's healing love. All that is marred by weakness and sin will be transformed by God's reconciling love. It is in this hope that we bring to God our prayers, our selves, our remembrances, and look to God for the new life of the kingdom.

Tolling of the Bell of Hope—8:46am

The bell is rung in a pattern of four sets of five strikes, following the tradition of the New York City firefighters’ salute to the fallen.

Silence follows the tolling.
Prayer of St. Francis  
(attributed)

Leader  
Let us pray.

All  
Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Scripture  
Isaiah 2:2–3a, 4

Leader  
In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of  
the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many  
peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.” He shall judge  
between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords  
into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against  
nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

The Lord’s Prayer  
BCP p. 364

Leader  
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All  
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.
Prayer

Leader Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, deal graciously with all those who grieve this day. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Collect for the Human Family

Leader O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Commendation

Leader Into your hands, loving God, we commend all those we love but see no longer. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Leader May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All exit in silence.
Sundays
8–8:30pm
St. Paul’s Chapel

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