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Dear Friends in worship,

In view of Rev. Anne Marie's announcement that she has accepted the call to become the Rector of Emmanuel Church in Baltimore, Maryland, we will be saying "God be with you" and celebrate the many blessings Rev. Anne Marie has brought us as our Rector. It is, of course, always difficult to say goodbye to those we have come to know, value, and love, however, it is important to celebrate a truly wonderful season of her nine years as our Rector and to reflect on all of the positive changes that have taken place during her time with us.

I therefore request that in the upcoming weeks that you take the opportunity to visit with Rev. Anne Marie, Brook, and Max in order to share a favorite story, moment, or simply let them know how thankful you are for their dedication and service to making Trinity Church what it is today.

Along with this news comes the many expected questions about the new season Trinity Church will be entering and what this season may bring. In my role as Senior Warden, I understand and appreciate that as we begin this time of transition there will be many emotions that we will all experience. Nevertheless, it is important that we understand that our feelings - whether anxious, sad, angry, or excited - are normal. As a community of believers, it is important to remember that we will be transformed with God's guidance. In this regard, we have many reasons to celebrate God's grace and rest assured that the Vestry will be working closely with the Bishop's office in the upcoming weeks and months to ensure a smooth transition. We must put our trust in God that whomever God has called to be our next Rector will come at the right time during the normal Episcopal transition process.

The Vestry and your Wardens are firmly dedicated to a transparent, positive, and faithful transition process. Our hearts and minds are open to the exciting possibilities that this transition process will bring us. Please stay tuned over the coming weeks for special announcements regarding opportunities to spend time together as a community with Rev. Anne Marie, Brook, and Max to celebrate, and say goodbye. We will provide you with more information soon regarding the search for our new Rector which will commence in the upcoming weeks. Please feel free to contact me, Wayne Porter (Junior Warden), on any other Vestry member with any questions or comments.

With Gratitude,

Tatiana Schweibenz, *Senior Warden*