

**Assistant to the Organist-Choirmaster
Christ & Holy Trinity Church
Westport, CONNECTICUT**

Christ & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church seeks a full-time assistant to the organist-choirmaster to start as soon as mutually convenient. Christ & Holy Trinity is a lively, community-oriented suburban parish of nearly 1000 members in Fairfield County, Connecticut (60 minutes from New York or New Haven by rail or car) with a music ministry that touches all aspects of parish life. The church has a four manual, 43-rank Möller organ (1933), two Yamaha pianos and an extensive choral library.

The duties of this position include, but are not limited to, assisting the organist-choirmaster with directing and accompanying the parish choirs (over 100 participants, including seven paid section leaders, in six choirs from preschool through adult); offering the RSCM *America Voice for Life* curriculum and integrating it into the chorister program; providing organ music and choral accompaniments for all liturgies, including weddings, funerals and Choral Evensongs, and concerts; supporting music education at the Christ & Holy Trinity Preschool; assisting with the administration of the Music & Arts Series; and other duties as may be assigned.

The ideal candidate should be a committed parish musician, able to work effectively with both children and adults. Requirements include strong organ skills, knowledge of vocal pedagogy, above average sight-reading ability, good administrative skills, a willingness to participate in the life of the parish and the ability to work collegially with the clergy and parish staff.

Applicants should have a bachelor's degree (or higher) in sacred music, organ, choral conducting or equivalent experience. The position is full-time and requires a total of 40 hours per week. Competitive salary and benefits, including health insurance, dental insurance, pension plan (after one year of employment), four weeks paid vacation, one week paid continuing education leave and funding for continuing education. Additional opportunities for private teaching exist. For more information about Christ & Holy Trinity Church, visit www.chtwestport.org.

Applicants should submit a letter of application, complete résumé with references and a CD including two organ voluntaries in contrasting styles, two hymns from *The Hymnal 1982* in contrasting styles and one choral anthem accompanied by the applicant to:

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