



# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Torrington, Connecticut

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 21, 2024

### *Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church.*

*Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are glad you have joined us for worship. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. You are invited to participate in worship by using the **red Book of Common Prayer (BCP)** and **blue Hymnal**, as indicated in this leaflet and you are invited to sit, stand, or kneel as you are able.*

***A note on children:** Jesus welcomed the little children, and so do we! We can abide with a little “joyful noise” at Trinity. If you need to step out for any reason, the Upper Parish Hall (found through a doorway in the front left of the sanctuary, behind the organ console) has restrooms with a changing table, as well as an area with couches and a children’s area. Please make yourselves comfortable and know that you are welcome.*

Prelude

Welcome

The Rev. Carrie Combs

## The Word of God

*All stand*

Opening Hymn 399 *To God with gladness sing*

Tune: *Camano*

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

*There is space for silent prayer, after which The Priest concludes with the collect.*

People: **Amen.**

*The people are seated*

**First Reading: Acts 4:5-12**

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 23** *Prayed in unison*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us~ and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

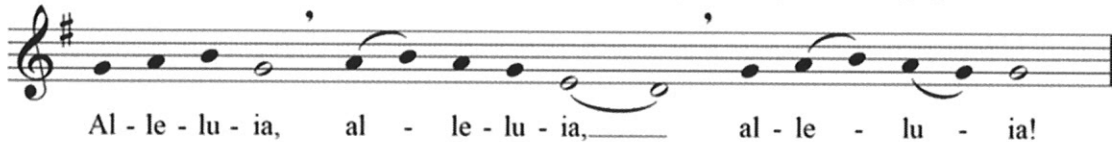
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Tune: *Crimond*

Alleluia Verse *Sung first by the Cantor then repeated by the Congregation*



The Holy Gospel

**John 10:11-18**

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*After the Gospel:*

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Carrie Combs

*A period of silence for meditation and reflection follows the Sermon.*

**Affirmation of Faith** *In place of the Nicene Creed, Trinity has received permission from our bishop to use the Renewal of Baptismal Vows as an alternative statement of faith through Eastertide.*

*All stand*

Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People*

People's response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your own prayers are welcomed at this time, silently or aloud.

*Space is left for individual prayers.*

Presider: We pray for the many milestones in our lives and those who celebrate with us, for celebrations of all kinds. Do we have any birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this week?

A Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as *she* begins another year. Grant that *she* may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen *her* trust in your goodness all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Anniversaries

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.*

## The Holy Communion

*At the Offertory as the Table is set, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically, through the bread and wine, anthem sung by the choir, and the money and gifts we give. You are invited to give as you feel called, either by placing your offering in the plate as it is passed around or by going to our website, [www.trinity-torrington.org/donate](http://www.trinity-torrington.org/donate)*

Offertory Anthem:

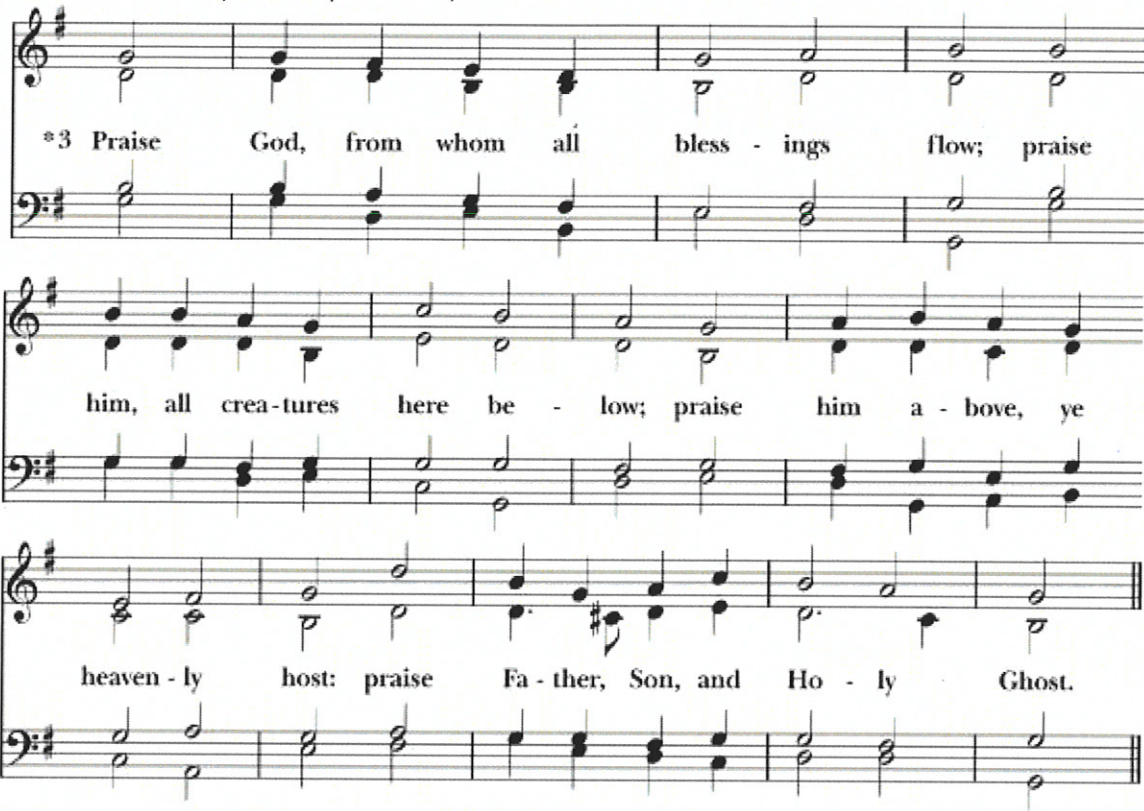
*The Lord is my shepherd*

Howard Goodall

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; I shall not want;  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
For you are with me, you will comfort me, you are with me, you will comfort me.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever, forever, forever, forever.*

All stand


Presentation Hymn: Hymn 380, verse 3



\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D

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*Celebrant*                                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

Presider: It is truly right... and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Presider: We acclaim you... we praise you and we bless you.

People: We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Presider: Lord, we pray... for ever and ever.

People:

- A - men. -

### The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People: Our Father, who are 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 bread is broken and silence is kept. Then, all sing:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Communion of the People

*A Note on Communion at Trinity:*

*All are welcome at the Table of the Lord, either for communion or a priestly blessing.*

*An usher will guide you up the center aisle if you choose to come forward.*

*For those who desire communion, you may receive the bread (or gluten free wafer) at the front of the altar.*

*We have two chalices: one on the **right for sipping**, and one on the **left for intinction** (dipping).*

*As always, receiving communion in one kind (bread or wine) is considered valid.*

*If you prefer to receive a blessing, come to the altar with your arms crossed over your chest, and the priest will be honored to bless you. If you need communion brought to your pew, please speak to an usher.*

### Music During Communion

Timothy Wallace

### The Postcommunion Prayer *All stand*

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### Vestry Greeting and Announcements *All seated*

### Blessing *All stand.*

**Dismissal**

*The Presider dismisses the People.*

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Choral Benediction:** The Irish Blessing

Joyce Eilers

*May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again, and until we meet again.  
May the God that loves us all hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen. Amen.*

**Assisting in Today's Liturgy**

<b>Presider</b>	The Rev. Carrie Combs
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Carrie Combs
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ella Frauenhofer
<b>Lector</b>	Christina Jeannin
<b>Intercessor</b>	Alison Jeannin
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Eleanor Fox, Bruce Fox
<b>Ushers</b>	Lydia Babbitt, Conrad Sienkiewicz
<b>Vestry Greeter</b>	Alison Jeannin
<b>Counters</b>	Mark Church, Faye Tway-Grant
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joyce Gustavson, Jean Rochelt, Connie Hall, Jill Morrison



*Do you like to Garden,  
however,  
have no yard or a place in  
your yard to plant a garden???*



*The 2024 planting season is just around the corner!*

*The Torrington Community Garden (one of Trinity's outreach missions) has garden plots available at our University Drive site.*

*Grow your own veggies and flowers and get fresh air exercise in the bargain!*

*For more information call the Church Office or email Ann Bott at [56bott@gmail.com](mailto:56bott@gmail.com) or call her on her cell: 860-485-5022.*

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## Mission Statement:

“We are an inclusive and accepting downtown community, welcoming all to join us on our journey to seek and share God’s abundant love through worship, the arts, and service in our community.”

## Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM:

Holy Eucharist 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Morning Prayer 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

## Trinity Staff:

The Reverend Carrie Combs, Priest in Charge

Timothy Wallace, Music Director

Ms. Melanie Lay, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper

## Vestry:

Alicia Kirsch, Sr. *Warden*, Alison Jeannin, Jr. *Warden*

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