

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Torrington, CT



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
09/17/2023

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY
Officiant: The Reverend Carrie Combs

Acolyte	Christina Jeannin
Lector	Beth Steinberg
Intercessor	Alicia Kirsch
Vestry Greeter	Alicia Kirsch
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Pfeffer
Ushers	Jean Nadle, Ethan Nadle
Counters	Ed Wilmot Duncan McDonald
Altar Guild	Joyce Gustavson, Jean Rochelt, Connie Hall, Jill Morrison

Welcome to Trinity Church!

*You are invited to participate in worship by using the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
and blue Hymnal, as indicated in this leaflet.*

The Word of God

Prelude

As the prelude is played, please maintain silence in the sanctuary for prayer and reflection

Welcome

Please stand as you are able

Opening Hymn 411 *O bless the Lord, my soul!*

Tune: St. Thomas (Williams) Words: James Montgomery; Music: Aaron Williams

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

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Gloria S-279

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —
 — and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea - ven - 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.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The Collect of the Day

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There is space for silent prayer, after which the presider concludes with the collect.

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114 *Prayed in unison*

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In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who

abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

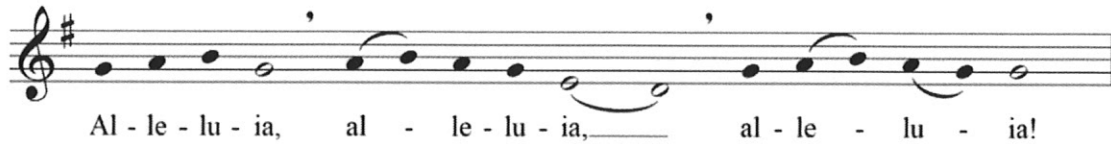
Please stand as you are able

Hymn 347 *Go forth for God; go to the world in peace*

Tune: *Litton*

Words: John Raphael Peacey; Music: Erik Routley

Alleluia sung first by the cantor then repeated by the Congregation



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

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

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him

into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Reverend Carrie Combs

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People Form IV

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The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

Presider: We also celebrate and pray for milestones in our lives, for birthdays and anniversaries. Do we have any birthdays or anniversaries to pray for this week?

Those who do are invited to come forward so we may pray for you.

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.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Austin C. Lovelace

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, hymn sung by the congregation, 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.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Holy, holy, holy Lord S-127

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Fraction Anthem S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Communion of the People

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.

A note on safety: Hand sanitizer is available to the right of the altar.

The priest handling the bread has sanitized their hands and has been fully vaccinated and boosted.

You are invited to space yourself as you feel comfortable when approaching the altar.

Music During Communion

Timothy Wallace

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Parish Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn 674 "Forgive our sins as we forgive"

Tune: *Detroit* Words: Rosamond E. Herklots; Music: from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*

Dismissal

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Postlude

Please maintain silence in the sanctuary as the Postlude is played

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mission Statement:

The people of Trinity Church, drawn from the many sorts and conditions that make up the community of Greater Torrington, are called together by the Holy Spirit to seek Christ in communion and to share the vitality of the Episcopal tradition, driven by that call, we care for one another and serve the world.

Sunday Worship at 9:00 AM:

Holy Eucharist 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays

Morning Prayer 2nd and 5th Sundays

Trinity Staff:

The Reverend Carrie Combs, Priest in Charge

Timothy Wallace, Music Director

Michael Kalinin, Organ Scholar

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