



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Torrington, Connecticut

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025

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

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

Welcome

The Rev. Carrie Combs

The Word of God

All stand

Opening Hymn 432 O praise ye the Lord! ye heavens adore him

Tune: *Laudate Dominum*

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 scat-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 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 *Prayed in unison*

Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand

Hymn 487 Come, my Way, my Truthe, my Life

Tune: The Call

Alleluia Verse

Sung first by the Cantor then repeated by the Congregation



The Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Offertory Hymn 583 O holy city, seen of John

Tune: Morning Song

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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Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

Presider: It is truly right... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, 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: AMEN!

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:

Fraction Anthem: S-155

Setting: Wm. Mathias

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.*

Hymn 529 *In Christ there is no East or West*

Tune: McKee

Dismissal

The Presider dismisses the People.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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

Assisting in Today's Liturgy	
Presider	The Rev. Carrie Combs
Preacher	The Rev. Carrie Combs
Acolyte	Ella Frauenhofer
Lector	Lydia Babbitt
Intercessor	Ella Frauenhofer
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Ushers	Ed Wilmot, Charlie Schapp
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Counters	Roger Coutant, Faye Tway-Grant
Altar Guild	Joyce Gustavson, Connie Hall



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



The 2025 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 or call her on her cell: 860-485-5022.

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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 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays

Morning Prayer 2nd and 5th Sundays

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