



# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Torrington, Connecticut

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 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

Alicia Kirsch, Senior Warden

## The Word of God

*All stand*

**Opening Hymn 400** *All creatures of our God and King*

*Tune: Last uns erfreuen*

### 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 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days..

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 98** *Prayed in unison*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*and the peoples with equity.

**Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

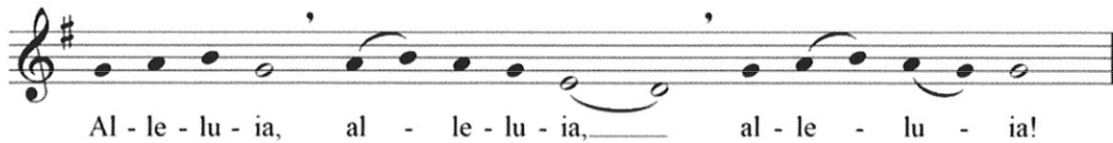
People: Thanks be to God.

All stand

Hymn 576 *God is love, and where true love is*

Tune: *Mandatum*

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



The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*After the Gospel:*

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Lois Keen

*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: **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:

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world, God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world, God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life, everlasting life, everlasting, everlasting life. God so loved the world,  
God so loved the world, God so loved the world.

All stand

## Presentation Hymn: Hymn 380, verse 3

\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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... and glorify your Name, as we sing:

**Sanctus and Benedictus, S-128**

Setting: Wm. Mathias

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*

BCP 366

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 593** *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

Tune: Dickinson College

**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.*

<b>Assisting in Today's Liturgy</b>	
<b>Presider</b>	The Rev. Lois Keen
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Lois Keen
<b>Acolyte</b>	Caroline Sienkiewicz
<b>Lector</b>	Mary Hart
<b>Intercessor</b>	Ella Frauenhofer
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jill Morrison, Judi Pfeffer
<b>Ushers</b>	Charlie Schapp, Ed Wilmot
<b>Vestry Greeter</b>	Dana Farr
<b>Counters</b>	Roger Coutant, Gary 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 HERE!!!*

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

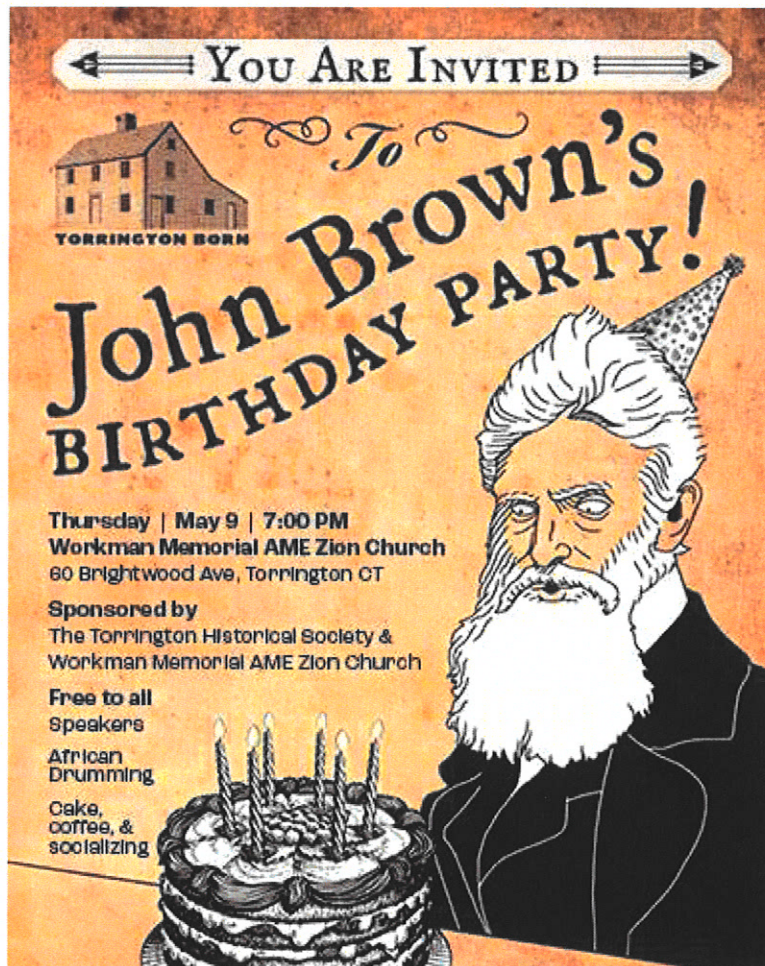
*Grow your own veggies and flowers and get fresh air exercise in the bargain!*

*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.*





*Last year, John Brown's Birthday Party was celebrated at Trinity, but this year, it is moving to the Workman Memorial AME Zion Church at 60 Brightwood Ave in Torrington. All are invited!*



# 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*

Robin Turpin, *Treasurer* Lydia Babbitt, *Clerk*

Gary Grant, *Building Warden*

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