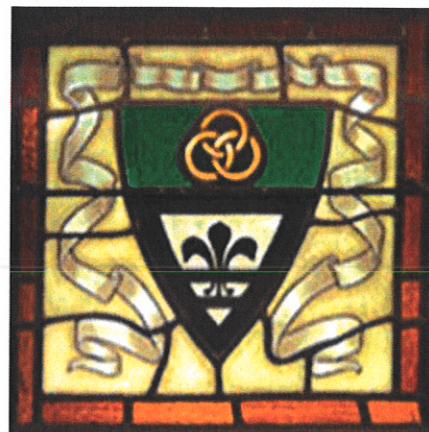


# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Torrington, CT



## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10/01/2023

### ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant: The Reverend Carrie Combs

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|-----------------------|--|
| Acolyte               | Caroline Sienkiewicz   |
| Lector                | Lydia Babbitt  |
| Intercessor           | Alison Jeannin   |
| Vestry Greeter        | Naomi Cardello   |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Judy Pfeffer, Becky Carroll                                  |
| Ushers                | Charlie Schapp, Ed Wilmot                                    |
| Counters              | Mark Church, Faye Tway-Grant                                 |
| Altar Guild           | Joyce Gustavson, Jean Rochelt, Connie Hall,<br>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** *Prelude in F major*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

**Welcome**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Opening Hymn 450** *All hail the power of Jesus' name!*

Tune: *Coronation*

Words: Edward Perronet; Music: Oliver Holden

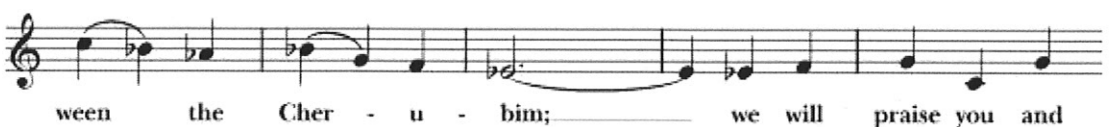
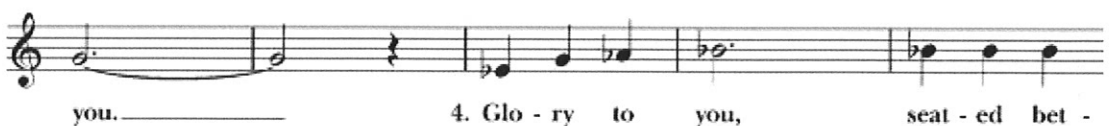
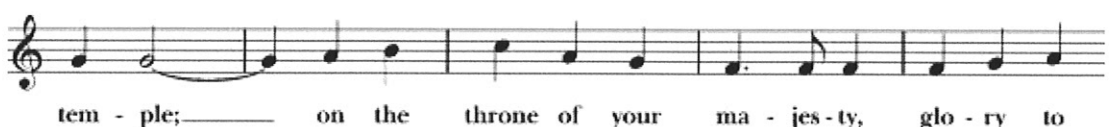
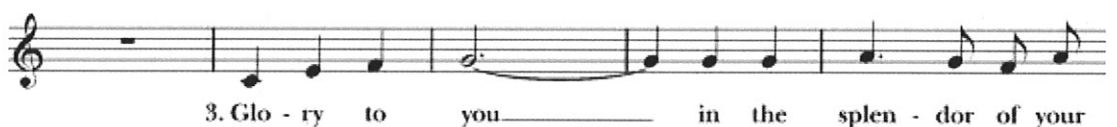
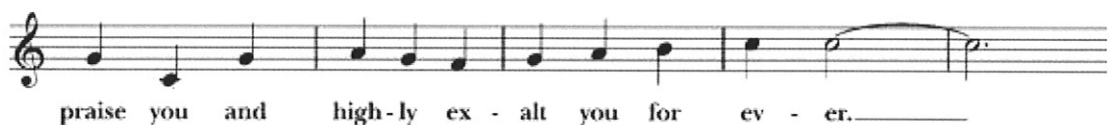
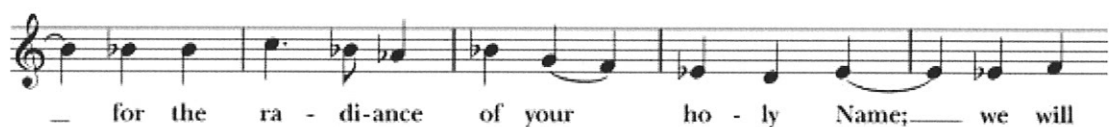
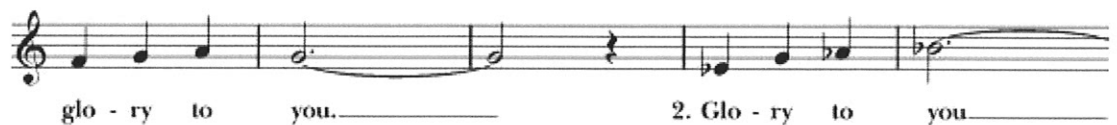
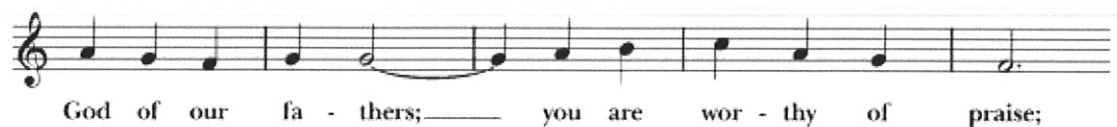
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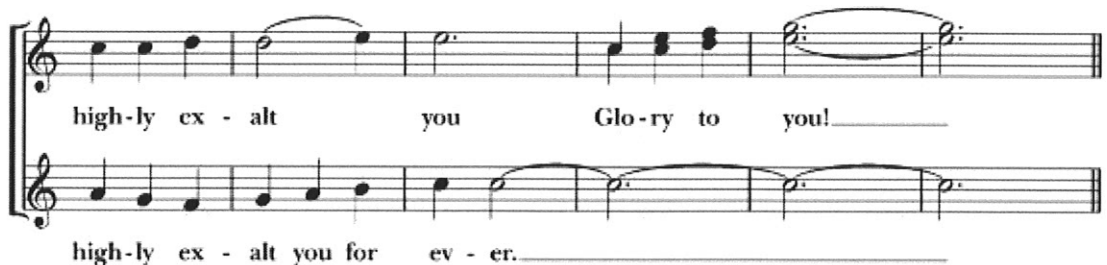
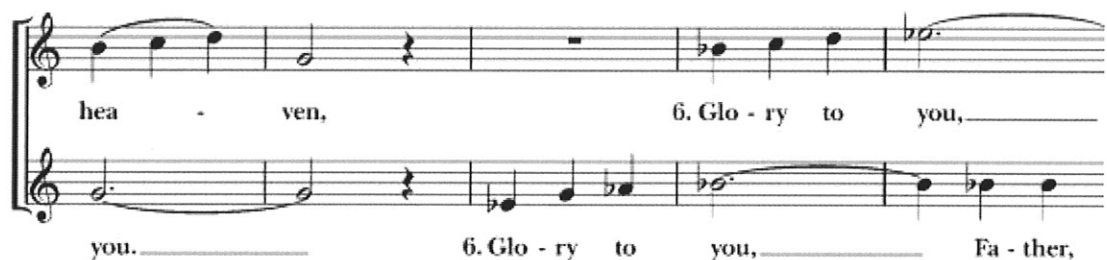
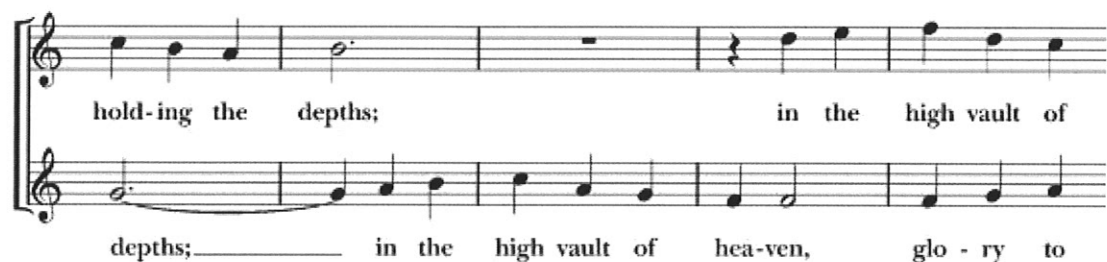
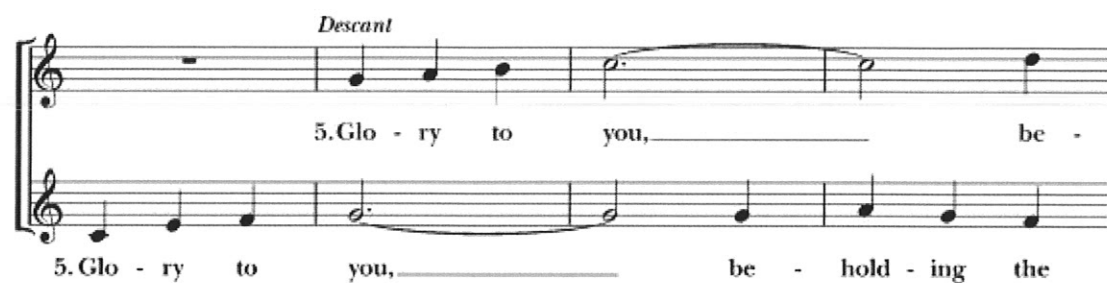
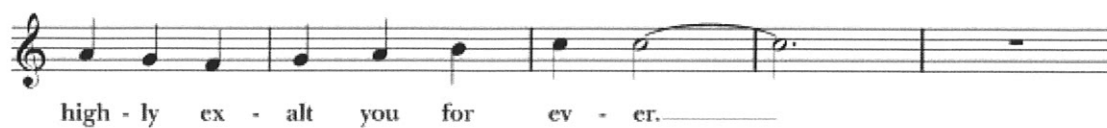
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**Collect for Purity**

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# A Song of Praise S-236





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

**First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**

*Prayed in unison*

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*Attendite, popule*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.



4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my  
presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with  
fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to  
will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

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

Tune: *Dickinson College* Words: James Quinn; Music: Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

*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 21:23-32**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Carrie Combs and Declan

The Blessing of the Animals

Collect for St. Francis



### **Prayer Attributed to St. Francis (unison)**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**The Blessing:** *At this time, you are invited to come up to the altar with your pet or pet memento, spacing yourself as appropriate. When your pet has been blessed, return to your seat.*

### **The Blessing Prayer**

#### **Prayers of the People: Blessing of the Animals**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;  
**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;  
**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;  
**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;  
**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;  
**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;  
**All: We thank you, Lord.**

Leader: That each pet here may be treasured with care;

All: We pray to you, Lord.

Leader: That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

All: We pray to you, Lord.

Leader: That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

All: To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord.  
Amen.

**Presider:** Your own prayers of intercession or thanksgiving are welcome at this time, either silently or aloud.

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*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**

## Confession of Sin

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*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

## The Peace

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

People:       **And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

*I Will Arise*

Traditional, arr. by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms.  
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.  
Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms,  
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.*

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](http://www.trinity-torrington.org/donate).

## Holy, holy, holy Lord S-127

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow - er and might, — hea - ven 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. —

## 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.*

## Communion Music

*Paysage from Etudes d'execution transcendent*

Franz Liszt

## The Postcommunion Prayer

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## Parish Announcements

## Blessing

**Closing Hymn 686** *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

Tune: Nettleton Words: Robert Robinson; Music: A Repository of Sacred Music



Postlude *toccata*

Gilbert M. Martin

*Please maintain silence in the sanctuary as the Postlude is played*

A vibrant orange and red poster for an 'Open Mic @ Trinity' event. At the top left is the 'NWCT ARTS COUNCIL' logo. To its right, text reads: 'Northwest CT Arts Council, Trinity Episcopal Church, Connecticut Wonderful, Our Culture is Beautiful, and Howard's Bookstore present:'. The center features the title 'OPEN MIC @ TRINITY' in large, bold, white letters. Below the title is a vintage-style microphone. To the left of the microphone is a circular photo of a woman, with a speech bubble saying 'Headliner!' and her name 'Effie Mwando!' below. To the right is a white box with the text: 'Please join us for spoken word and music! All forms of creative expression are welcome!'. At the bottom, a red banner contains the date 'OCT 21, 2023' and time '7:00 PM, FREE!'. Below this, it says 'Donations welcome ~ Light refreshments provided' and '220 Prospect Street, Torrington Questions? Email conradsank@gmail.com'. The poster is decorated with stylized starburst graphics.

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# TODAY ... ST. KATERI HOLY HIKE

Join us for a holy hike - led by our Senior Warden Alicia – THIS MORNING at Great Mountain Forest in Norfolk. You have a choice: you can do a short 3/4 mile pond hike loop, or a 2.3 mile hike on the Crissey Trail. These hikes will be done simultaneously, so you can choose the one that best suits your hiking ability.

You also have a choice with parking: you can meet at the Trinity parking lot at 11:30am to carpool or caravan, or you can meet at the Forestry Office at 201 Windrow Road in Norfolk at 12:15pm.

**See Alicia or Conrad for more details**

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## 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 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

Michael Kalinin, Organ Scholar

Ms. Melanie Lay, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper

## Vestry:

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

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