



**TRINITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## Torrington, Connecticut

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 14, 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 this leaflet and the *blue Hymnal*, and you are invited to sit, stand, or kneel as you are able or comfortable.

The full text of the prayers can be found in the *red Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*.

**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, one with a changing table (the restroom on the left), as well as an area with couches and a children's area. Please make yourselves comfortable and know that you are welcome.

### Prelude

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

Traditional Irish Melody  
Setting by Peter Pindar Stearns

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

### Welcome

## The Word of God

All stand

Opening Hymn 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Tune: St. Denio

### Opening Acclamation

BCP page 355

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider says the Collect for Purity.

People: Amen.

Song of Praise, 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.

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 Presider concludes with the collect.*

People: Amen.

*The people are seated*

**First Reading: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28**

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse~ a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,  
they do not know me;  
they are stupid children,  
they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil,  
but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;  
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,  
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,  
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,  
and all its cities were laid in ruins  
before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,  
and the heavens above grow black;  
for I have spoken, I have purposed;  
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 14** - BCP page 598

*Dixit insipiens*

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.

- 3 Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
but the LORD is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*All stand*

**Hymn 645** *The King of love my shepherd is*

*Tune: St. Columba*

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 15:1-10**

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*After the Gospel:*

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Evelyn Wheeler

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

The Nicene Creed

Standing

BCP page 358

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People Form VI

BCP page 392

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth**

Leader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff and Laura our Bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently.*

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently.*

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom

*The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently.*

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

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.

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, the 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.trinitytorrington.org/donate](http://www.trinitytorrington.org/donate)

Offertory Hymn 470 *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

Tune: Beecher

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.

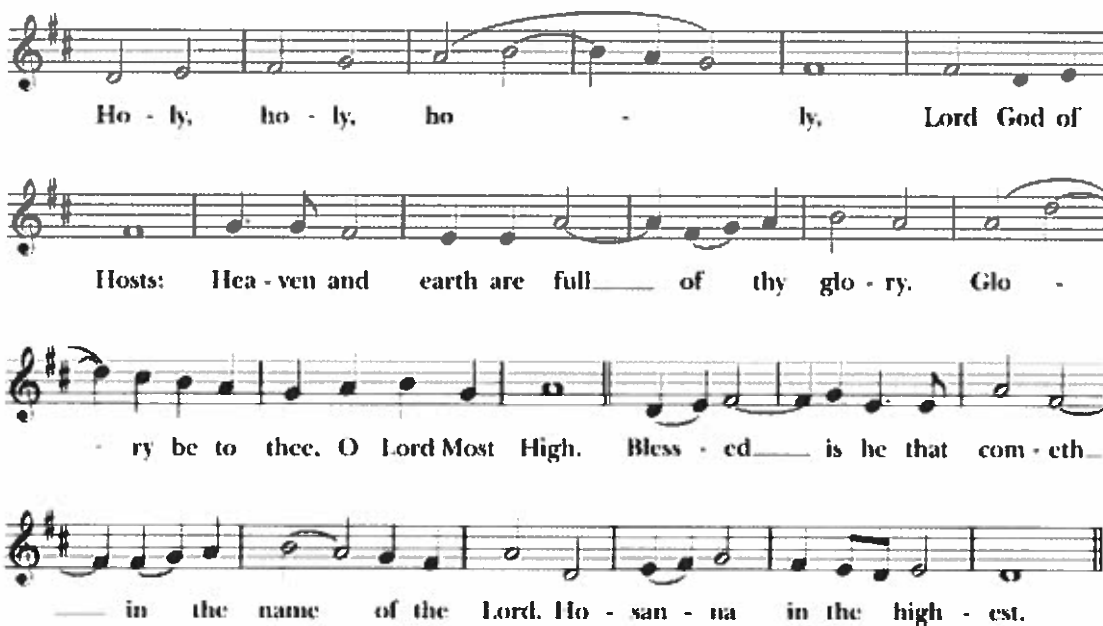
## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B - BCP page 367

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

### Sanctus and Benedictus, S-114



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider: We give thanks to you ... Therefore, according to his command, O Father:  
All: **We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory;**  
Presider: And we offer... Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
People: **AMEN.**

### The Lord's Prayer

BCP page 364

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,**

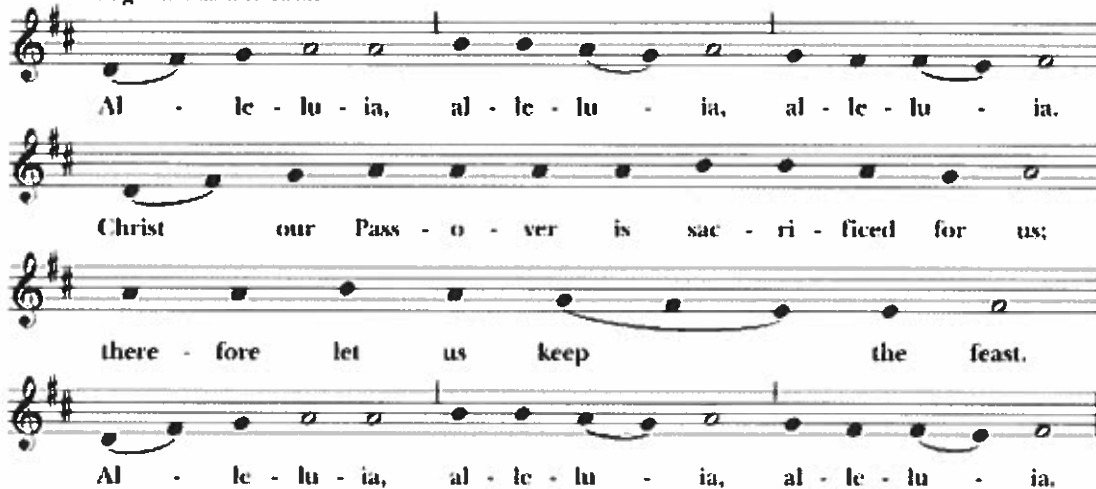


but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The bread is broken and silence is kept. Then, all sing:*

### Fraction Anthem: S-154

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



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.

### 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

Tim 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 708** *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

*Tune: Sicilian Mariners*

**Dismissal**

*The Presider dismisses the People.*

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

**Postlude**

*Toccata in E Minor*

*Johann Pachelbel*

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

**Assisting in Today's Liturgy**

<b>Presider</b>	The Rev. Evelyn Wheeler
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Evelyn Wheeler
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ella Frauenhofer
<b>Lector</b>	Mark Church
<b>Intercessor</b>	Jill Morrison
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Naomi Cardello, Judi Pfeffer
<b>Ushers</b>	Charlie Schapp, Ed Wilmot
<b>Vestry Greeter</b>	Naomi Cardello
<b>Counters</b>	Ed Wilmot, Duncan McDonald
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Judi Pfeffer, Jill Morrison

## Resolution 7 Ad Hoc Committee advertisement

### Are you a history buff?



Are you interested in helping the cause of racial healing, justice, and reconciliation?

You are invited to join Trinity's Resolution 7 Ad Hoc Committee.

We will work together to fulfil The 2020 Annual ECCT Convention: Resolution #7: "Acknowledging & Confronting Systemic Racism, White Supremacy, & Anti-Black Bias" and our Diocese's directive to all parishes to take steps to discover and document historic complicity in racism in their parishes and communities. We have a great deal of interesting information on hand, so the main job before us will be to decide how to put it all together, and then to plan and implement a report and a presentation to the parish and community. All interested please contact Dana Farr at [danafarr95@gmail.com](mailto:danafarr95@gmail.com).



Do you have a Good Idea?

Like starting a card ministry? Or organizing a purely social pot-luck dinner?

Your Vestry and your fellow Parishioners LOVE Good Ideas!

We are all here to help say, "YES!" to those Good Ideas.

We are also here to say, "How can we help you make that Good Idea work?"

So

If you have a Good Idea but are not sure how to make it into an action, ask a Vestry member, a fellow parishioner (or two) or a Warden. We are all here to help.

After all, there is nothing more powerful than a Christian with a Good Idea and a friend or two by their side, is there?



# 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:

Please visit our website [calendar-trinity-torrington.org](http://calendar-trinity-torrington.org)  
or call the Parish office at 860-482-6027 for  
our Worship schedule for the  
dates of Holy Eucharist / Morning Prayer Services

## Trinity Staff:

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Ms. Melanie Lay, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper

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