

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Torrington, CT



## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

03/19/2023

### ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant: The Reverend Carrie Combs

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Intercessor	Beth Steinberg
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Vestry Greeter	Mary Hart
Counters	Roger Coutant, Gary Grant
Altar Guild	Joyce Gustavson, Jean Rochelt, Connie Hall, Jill Morrison

## The Word of God

Prelude

Welcome

The Reverend Carrie Combs

Opening Hymn 144 Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness

Tune: Cornhill

Words: Latin; Music: Harold Darke

1 Lord Je - sus, Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine  
2 Give guid - ance to our wan - dering ways, for -  
3 Lord, grant that we in pen - i - tence may  
4 Now near - er draws the day of days when  
5 The u - ni - verse your glo - ry shows, blest

1 in our hearts, we pray; dis - pel the gloom that  
2 give us, Lord, our sin; re - store us by your  
3 of - fer you our praise, and through your sav - ing  
4 par - a - dise shall bloom, when we shall be at  
5 Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; we shall ac - claim your

1 shades our minds and be to us as day.  
2 lov - ing care to peace and joy with - in.  
3 sac - ri - fice re - ceive your gift of grace.  
4 one with you, Lord, ris - en from the tomb.  
5 ma - jes - ty, e - ter - nal Three in One.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

## Kyrie S91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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## 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.*

## A Reading

### 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to

the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23

### *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



## Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 490 I want to walk as a child of light

Tune: Houston

Words and Music: Kathleen Thomerson

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
I want to look at Je-sus.  
I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

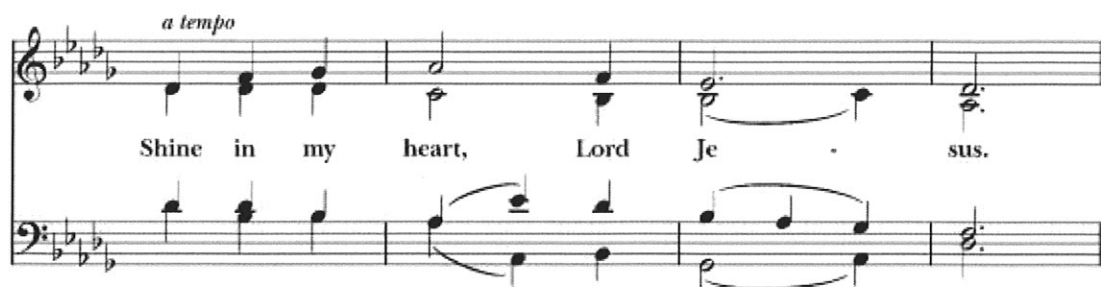
star of my life — is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.



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

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

## The Gospel

### John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Reverend Carrie Combs



## The Nicene Creed

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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from the Diocese of Missouri

Presider: In this holy season of Lent, we are called to a journey of self-examination, repentance, and prayer following the example of Jesus our Savior. Let us in our prayers offer to God the yearnings of our hearts.

- Leader: We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God; especially Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jeff and Laura our Bishops, Carrie and all members of the Clergy, and all those who serve God's Church. We lift our eyes to the hills, O God.
- People **In you is our help and strength.**
- Leader We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who hold authority on the earth. We lift our eyes to the hills, O God.
- People **In you is our help and strength.**
- Leader We pray for those who put themselves in harm's way and places of danger; those who willingly risk their lives; particularly for those serving in the armed services or as first responders. We lift our eyes to the hills, O God.
- People **In you is our help and strength.**
- Leader We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. We lift our eyes to the hills, O God.
- People **In you is our help and strength.**
- Leader We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely or grieving. We lift our eyes to the hills, O God.
- People **In you is our help and strength.**
- Leader We pray in this season of Lent for those who prepare for baptism and renewal, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. We lift our eyes to the hills, O God.
- People **In you is our help and strength.**
- Leader We pray for those who have died, for all those who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. We lift our eyes to the hills, O God.
- People **In you is our help and strength.**
- Leader Your own prayers of thanksgiving or intercession are welcomed at this time, silently or aloud.
- 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.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence maybe kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### Offertory Anthem

*Behold and See*

Padre Martini

*Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by, Behold and see, ye that pass by,  
If there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, like unto my sorrow.  
Behold and see, Behold and see, ye that pass by, Behold and see,  
Is it nothing, Behold my sorrow, Which is done unto me.  
If there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.*

## Eucharistic Prayer 2

*from Enriching our Worship*

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.

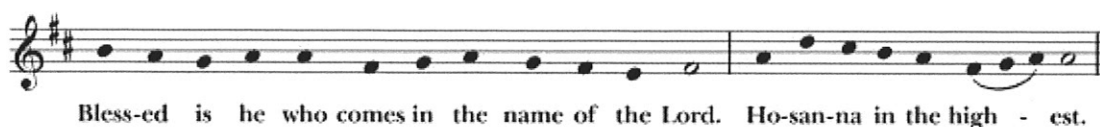
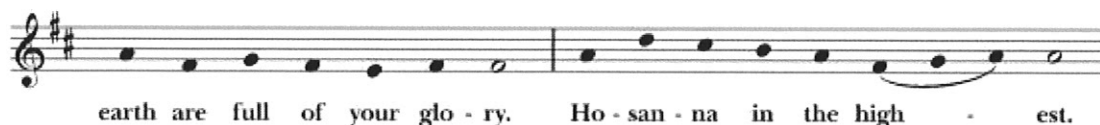
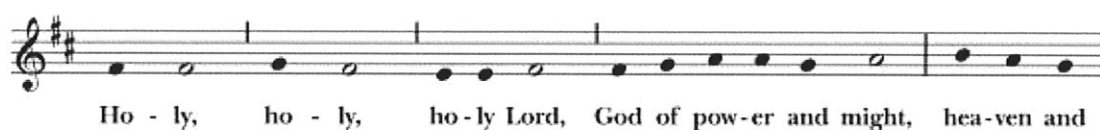
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant...

...And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

*Presider and People*

Sanctus S124



*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God...

...Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**Presider and People      AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**Presider and People**

Our Father, who art 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.

Fraction Anthem S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:

have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.



## 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, make your way around the platform to receive the wine, and return to your seat using the side aisles. 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 washed their hands, will be wearing a mask, and has been fully vaccinated and boosted. You are invited to space yourself as you feel comfortable when approaching the altar.*

**The Postcommunion Prayer**    *Said by all*

*from Enriching our Worship*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Parish Announcements

## Solemn Prayer Over the People

# Closing Hymn 547 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death

Tune: Marsh Chapel

Words: F. Bland Tucker; Music: Max Miller



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and  
3 There is one Bo - dy and one hope, one Spi - rit  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died and con - quered



1 give you light, so learn his love— its length and  
2 fear re - lease, to give the Spi - rit's u - ni -  
3 and one call, one Lord, one Faith, and one Bap -  
4 he might save; with kind and gen - tle hearts for -  
5 in the strife. A - wake, a - rise, go forth in



1 breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
2 ty, the ve - ry bond of peace.  
3 tism, one Fa - ther of us all.  
4 give as God in Christ for - gave.  
5 faith, and Christ shall give you life.

*The Presider dismisses the people.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

# 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.

## Trinity is a Jubilee Ministry Center.

The designation as a Jubilee Center is a national honor which recognizes the efforts of the church in its outreach work in the community. Trinity Church has an on-going association with the Community Soup Kitchen, Torrington Community Gardens, Operation Overflow, Covenant to Care, Literacy Volunteers, and Joyful Noise.

## Trinity is a Stephen Ministry Church.

Stephen Ministry is a nationwide program where laypersons serve as Christian care givers and counselors.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 am

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