



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Torrington, Connecticut

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 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

All Through the Night

Welsh hymn tune
Setting by Sam Batt Owens

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

Welcome

The Word of God

All stand

Opening Hymn 404 *We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord*

Tune: Old 124th

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-280

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 musical score is written on ten staves. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) on the staves. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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: Haggai 1:15b-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 - BCP page 801

Exaltabo te, Deus

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand

Hymn 486 *Hosanna to the living Lord!*

Tune: *Hosanna*

Alleluia Verse

Sung first by the Cantor then repeated by the Congregation



The Holy Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

After the Gospel:

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon - Rev. Jean Baptiste Rock

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

The Nicene Creed - BCP page 358

Standing

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.trinity-torrington.org/donate

Offertory Anthem *Above the Hills of Time*

Irish Traditional Melody

1. *Above the hills of time the cross is gleaming, fair as the sun when night has turned to day;
An from it love's pure ight is richly streaming, to cleanse the heart and banish sin away,
To this dear cross the eyes of men are turning, today as in the ages lost to sight; and so for Thee, O Christ, men's
hearts are yearning, as ship-wrecked seamen yearn for morning light.*
2. *The cross, O Chirst, Thy wondrous love revealing, awakes our hearts as with the light of morn, and pardon
o'er our sinful spirits stealing, tells us that we, in Thee have been reborn.
Lik echoes to sweet temple bells replying, our hearts, O Lord, make answer to Thy love;
and we will love Thee with a love undying, till we are gathered to Thy home above.*

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-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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-155



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 - BCP page 366 All stand

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 Stewardship Speaker - Claudia Buick All seated

Blessing All stand.

Dismissal

The Presider dismisses the People.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Benediction

The Irish Blessing

Joyce Eilers Bacak

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.

Assisting in Today's Liturgy

Presider	The Rev. Jean Baptiste Rock
Preacher	The Rev. Jean Baptiste Rock
Acolyte	Ella Frauenhofer
Lector	Alicia Kirsch
Intercessor	Dr. Jessica Magda
Eucharistic Ministers	Claudia Buick, Naomi Cardello
Ushers	Lydia Babbitt, Conrad Sienkiewicz
Vestry Greeter	Dr. Jessica Magda
Counters	Charlie Schapp, Ed Wilmot
Altar Guild	Judi Pfeffer, Jill Morrison

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Special Vestry Meeting

A special meeting of the Vestry was held on Sunday, 26 October 2025. The sole item on the agenda at this meeting was deciding how the donation from Tom and Ann Bott should be best used for the good of the Parish.

The Vestry considered a variety of different scenarios as to how the donation might be best used. We consulted with Trinity's financial advisors, Resource Management Consultants (RMC) of Farmington as to their advice on the subject.

After consideration of the factors and taking the advice of the Parish's financial advisors, the Vestry voted unanimously to use the entire donation to pay down the existing mortgage held by the Parish. Paying off this mortgage in nine months instead of nine years was deemed to be the most fiducially responsible option, assuring the surest outcome for the Parish.

The Vestry is delighted to know that the Parish will be completely debt-free within the next nine months and remain deeply indebted to Tom and Ann Bott for their courageous generosity.



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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:

Please visit our website 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:

Timothy Wallace, Music Director

Ms. Melanie Lay, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper

Vestry:

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Bruce Fox, *Interim Treasurer*, Dana Farr, *Clerk*

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