TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Torrington, CT



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

04/06/2025

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGY Officiant: The Reverend Evelyn Wheeler

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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.

Prelude There Is A Balm In Gilead

Spiritual; setting by Fred B. Binckes

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn 398 I sing the almighty power of God

Tune: Forest Green

Opening Acclamation

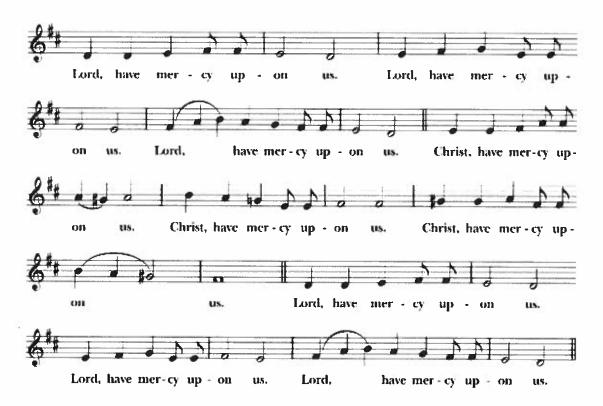
Presider:

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People:

His mercy endures for ever.

Kyrie S91



The Collect of the Day

BCP page 357

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.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

All seated

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

Prayed in unison

BCP page 782

In convertendo

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 313 Let thy Blood in mercy poured

Tune: Jesus, meine Zuversicht

The Gospel: John 12:1-8

Standing

Presider:

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

People:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Standing

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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, Form III - (From p. 387 in the Book of Common Prayer)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and

humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and

Sacraments.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations

of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

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

Kneeling as able. Silence maybe kept.

All: 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 Peace

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

People: And also with 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, 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 Lord, I Trust Thee

George F. Handel

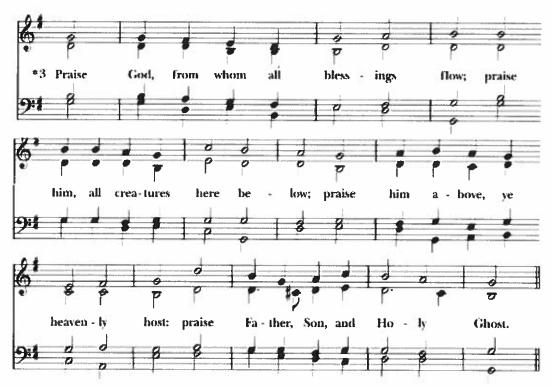
Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee, Ah! thou friend of many restore me!

On thy loving grace relying, for the bread of life I'm sighing.

Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease, fill my heart with joy and endless peace.

When the breath of life has left me, may my soul be blended with thee.

Presentation Hymn: 380, verse 3 standing



Eucharistic Prayer A - BCP page 361

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. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

People: Presider:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of

heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever

sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People:

Sanctus S124



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est,

The people stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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

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.

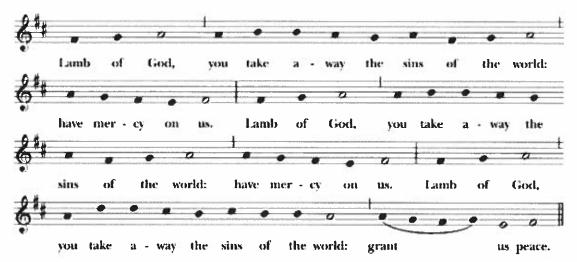
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S161



Communion of the People

Communion Music

Tim Wallace

The Postcommunion Prayer Said by all - Standing -

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.

Parish Announcements

Solemn Prayer over the People Standing or kneeling

Closing Hymn 675 Take up your cross, the Savior said

Tune: Bourbon

The Presider dismisses the people.

People

Thanks be to God.

Choral Benediction

De Noche Iremos (By Night, We Hasten)

Taize

By night, we hasten, in darkness, to search for living water, only our thirst leads us onwards, only our thirst leads us onwards.

De noche iremos, de noch que para encontrar la fuente, solo la sed nos alumbra, solo la sed nos alumbra.

By night, we hasten, in darkness, to search for living water, only our thirst leads us onwards, only our thirst leads us onwards.

During the Season of Lent, silence is maintained in the Sanctuary after the service.

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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."

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