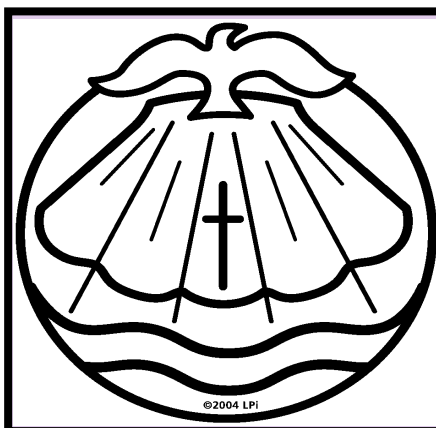


# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Offering Companionship along the Way*

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

BAPTISM



Celebrating 150 Years



1874 - 2024

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Lime Rock, CT

FIRST COMMUNION



APRIL 14, 2024

**Prelude** Organ improvisation on tune *Nyland*

**Opening Hymn** WLP\* 778, verses 1, 2, 4 We all are one in mission  
\*WLP = *Wonder, Love and Praise*, green Supplement Hymnal

*Nyland*

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Priest* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Priest* Let us pray together our collect:

**O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **A Reading from the First Letter of John 3:1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 4**

*Gevert-5*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
    you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
    have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
    how long will you worship dumb idols  
    and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
    when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
    speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
    and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
    Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
    more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
    for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

**Gradual Hymn WLP 766** You're called by name, forever loved

*Sara H.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 24:36b-48

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*Pastor* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily**

Pastor Heidi Truax

## **The Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism**

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows*

*Parents and Godparents*

**I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Priest* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

***Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

***Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.**

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

***Answer* I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

***Answer* I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

***Answer* I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

***Answer* I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

***Answer* I do.**

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

***People* We will.**

*Priest* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

***People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will with God's help.**

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*Leader* Fill Brigham, Cole and Caleb with your life giving Spirit  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send Caleb, Brigham and Cole into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Priest* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Baptism**

*Priest* *N.*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Priest* *N.*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

### **The Peace**

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

*Please see the announcements at the end of this bulletin.*

## Prayers for those taking First Communion

We also come together in joy today as these three children join us as regular sharers in the most holy, sacred, and wonderful mysteries of Communion. Jack, Parker and Teddy will take Communion for their first time this morning.

*The priest addresses the children:*

In baptism, you were made members of Christ's family. You come to us now as members of that family. Today you will share with us that meal which Jesus commanded his friends to remember on the night before he died, and which he gives to us as a sign of his living presence among us.

Teddy, Parker and Jack, Jesus calls you by name, and invites you to the Table. Do you wish to be admitted to Holy Communion, and share regularly in this sacred meal?

***The children reply*      I do.**

*The priest addresses the congregation:*

Will you welcome these children as communicant members of Christ's family, and support them with your friendship and prayers?

***All*                      With the help of God, we will.**

*The priest addresses the parents, grandparents and great grandparent:*

Will you help these children to grow in faith and in due time to come to their confirmation of their faith?

***Parents and carers*      With the help of God, we will.**

*The priest prays for the children:*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said that we should all become as little children. We pray today for these boys as they receive bread and wine for the first time in your name. Give them such a sense of the mystery of your body and blood that they may know your presence in their hearts and day by day grow to be more like you.    **Amen.**

*The priest gives each child their certificate of admission to Holy Communion, addressing them by name:*

In the name of God, I welcome you all to the sacrament of Holy Communion.  
May God bless you as you continue with us on your journey of faith.

**Offertory Hymn WLP 751** Ev'ry time I feel the spirit                      *African American Spiritual*

**Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3** Praise God from whom all blessings flow                      *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Priest* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy: Hymnal S 130** Sanctus Deutsche Messe by Franz Schubert; arr. Richard Proulx

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**



And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 pray:

**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: Hymnal S 154** Christ our Passover

David Hurd (b. 1950)

*Here at Trinity we welcome you to take communion with us. You may drink from the chalice, or you may intinct your wafer. Or, if you prefer, you may receive communion in one kind only, the wafer. We offer wheat and gluten free wafers, wine and grape juice. If you do not care to take communion but would like a blessing, please also come forward and ask Pastor Heidi for a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn WLP 764** Taste and See

James E. Moore, Jr.

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*

**Blessing**

God, the Holy and Strong One, who gives power to the powerless, who restores the weary, and gives new life to the faithful, give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

*Pastor* Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** Organ improvisation on tune *Sine nomine*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Teddy, Parker, Jack, Cole, Caleb and Brigham.. Congratulations, boys, on your baptisms and first Communions!*

**Serving Today**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax

*Music Director:* Christine Gevert

*Minister of Communion:* Mike Cuoco

*Crucifer:* Jarrod Sisk

*Epistoler:* Emma Sisk

*Intercessor:* Mary Anne Carley

*Altar Guild:* Mike Cuoco

*Flowers:* Theresa Kenny

*Counter:* Martha Nesbitt

*Greeter/Ushers:* Roy Bickley and Brennan Sisk

*Verger:* Geoff Brown

**Announcements**

- Friday, April 19** 5:00—7:00 PM New Trinity Art Show “All Things Trinity” Opening Reception: one of our joyous 150th Anniversary events
- April 20-21, 27-28** 10:00 AM—2:00 PM “All Things Trinity” Art Show open
- Sunday, April 21** 10:30 AM Earth Day Commemoration  
12 Noon—Next Vestry Meeting
- Monday, Apr. 22** 12 Noon—Burial Service for George Mortenson (Trudy Washburn’s nephew)
- Saturday, May 4** 6:00 PM Crescendo Concert—Gilbert and Sullivan
- Sunday, May 19** 8:00 and 10:30 AM Celebration of Feast of Pentecost using  
1871 *Book of Common Prayer* in honor of our 150th Anniversary year
- Sunday, May 26** Trinity Sunday—our Annual Feast Day

## Weekly Schedule

<b>Mondays</b>	6:30 PM Crescendo rehearsal in Walker Hall
<b>Tuesdays</b>	9:00 AM to 12 Noon Taichi Chuan with Christopher Kiely in Walker Hall
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge 6:00 PM on first and last Wednesday of the month, Women's AA in Walker Hall
<b>Thursdays</b>	1:00 PM Bible Explorers: <i>Genesis</i>
<b>Saturdays</b>	9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat. 4:00 PM Crescendo rehearsal

## Trinity Vestry

Linda Lloyd, Sr. Warden  
Theresa Kenny, Jr. Warden  
M. E. Freeman, Treasurer  
Jim Conzo, Clerk  
Stephanie Barrett, Marian Beers, Al Dorf,  
Emily DiMartino, Jarrod Sisk, Alan Swide

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and wait to have private conversations until after you have left the nave.*

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