



***THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***  
***THE HOLY EUCHARIST***  
***SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024***  
***9:30AM***

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A warm welcome to all worshipping at Trinity this morning! If this is your first time to worship with us, we are especially glad you are here and hope you will come again. Please know whatever your tradition, we want you to make yourself at home and participate in the service as you are moved. We also invite you to complete the “Hi There” Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate so we may greet you personally.

Children are always welcome in worship here. However, we do have a staffed nursery directly below the sanctuary if that feels like a better fit for your family. The nursery is intended for children younger than kindergarten. An activity cart is located at the back for older children, as well as a Worship Guide. If you are curious about any part of our service, please feel free to ask questions! We enjoy sharing the meaning of what we are doing in our worship.

In this worship booklet, the congregation responds with the words in **bold print**. Please stand as you are able (indicated by the \*). Unless otherwise indicated, we sing from the blue Hymnal.

***Prelude***

***Welcome***

***\*Entrance Hymn 405            All Things Bright and Beautiful***

***\*Opening Acclamation***

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

***Collect for Purity***

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***\*Hymn of Praise – S277***

### **\*Collect of the Day**

God with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## ***THE LESSONS***

### ***First Reading***

**Acts 10:44-48**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm 98***

*Spoken*

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

<sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

<sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>6</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>10</sup>In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## **Second Reading**

**1 John 5:1-6**

A reading from First John.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*Gradual Hymn 705**

**As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought**

## **\*Holy Gospel**

**John 15:9-17**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love <sup>13</sup>one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

***\*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.**

***\*Prayers of the People***

We pray for your faithful people and our leaders, that your love may be the foundation of their common lives and at the heart of their ministry.

***Teach us to abide in your love.***

We pray for your world filled with creatures and spectacular plant life and grandeur beyond words.

***Teach us to care for it with love.***

We pray for the peoples of the world and honor them as those you have made and cherish.

***Teach us to reach out to them with respect and love.***

We pray for healing for those among us who are ailing, aching, or anxious: Maureen, Janet, Rick, Marie, Jennifer, Joyce, Jacky, Gail, Alveta, Bode, Gracie, Martha, Daniel, Shirley, Dan, Barbara, Lucille, Caroline, Beth, Megan, Eric.

***Teach us to respond to their needs with love.***

We pray for those who are at the end of their earthly lives, and for those who have recently entered eternal life.

***Teach us to remember them with love.***

Today, we pray for the parishes of St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven, and the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. We also pray for Retirement communities, especially Armsmead; chaplains at retirement communities, and Retired Clergy Chaplain.

***Teach us to support the worldwide church of Jesus Christ.***

Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy! Amen, Alleluia! **Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Announcements**

## ***HOLY COMMUNION***

**Offertory**

*Please consider giving generously to Trinity to help support our ministries. You can place an offering in the basket, use the QR code, or visit our website. [www.trinitynewtownct.org](http://www.trinitynewtownct.org)*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



**Offertory Music**  
**Patterson**

**A Prayer for Humility**

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**Doxology 380**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our 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.

*The priest prays an appropriate preface.*

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:

### **Sanctus S124**

*The people kneel. The Celebrant continues*

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;**

*The Celebrant continues.*

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.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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.**

### ***The Breaking of the Bread***

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### ***Fraction Anthem S154***

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.

**May we become what we receive.**

### ***Communion***

*If you prefer not to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest. If you need communion brought to your seat, please tell an usher. Please indicate at the rail if you require a gluten-free wafer. Please cup your hands to receive the bread. If you prefer, we invite you to pray in spiritual communion.*

### ***Communion Music***

# Communion Hymn

# How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er  
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
3. And when I shall think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to me  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y mount - ain  
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble a - dor -

*Refrain*  
thun - der, Thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played;  
grand - eur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my  
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin:  
- a - tion, And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



## ***Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Visitors***

*(LEV: A trained lay person who provides the sacrament to those who are hospitalized, homebound, and in nursing homes. LEV's are trained to lead a brief prayer service before sharing the blessed bread and wine of Holy Communion.)*

In the name of God and of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with Alveta, Marie, Joyce and Helen. Let us pray. **You carry the prayer of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ***Postcommunion Prayer***

*Please kneel as you are able.*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## ***\*Blessing***

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## ***\*Closing Hymn 537 Christ for the World We Sing***

## ***\*Dismissal***

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## ***Postlude***

*Our service of worship is now over. Our worship through service now begins.*

## INVITATION TO CONFIRMATION IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear Beloved of Trinity Church,

Is God calling you deeper into your Christian faith? Is the Spirit nudging you to explore the possibility of Confirmation - or Reception - into the Episcopal Church?

We have just learned that Bishop Laura Ahrens will visit Trinity Episcopal Church in Newtown on Sunday, September 15th for our 9:30 AM service. Our Bishop Suffragan in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, Bishop Ahrens has a long history with Trinity Church. It will be delightful to welcome her again!



Also ... we will have Confirmations when she visits on September 15th.

We invite teens (14+) and adults to commit to and prepare for Confirmation by our Bishop. Our spiritual journeys are unique and are often full of surprising turns. So, depending on your church background, there are three ways to make a formal affiliation with the Episcopal Church: Confirmation, Reception or Re-Affirmation of Faith. (We have many parishioners who come to us from the Catholic Church, and they are 'received' into the Episcopal Church.)

Baptism is not just for babies! If you have not yet been Baptized - this, too, is a joy open to people of all ages. Baptism and Confirmation can happen in the same service.

As the Book of Common Prayer says: "In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop."

Being ready comes at different times – and in widely varying ways - for each of us. Please reply to [Rev. Andrea](#) if you would like learn more about Confirmation. We invite you to a process of inquiry and discernment. God is searching for you.

Once we gather names, we will announce a schedule of conversations and gatherings as we prepare for this joyous day.

Eastertide Blessings,  
Rev. Andrea

# WOMEN & CHILDREN

Join us on Mother's Day, May 12th to sing a special song during church.

No singing experience necessary! Jennifer will teach you the song in two short rehearsals after church on Sunday April 28th and May 5th.

Meet in the Sanctuary after church.



## ***Today at Trinity***

<b>Presider:</b>	The Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Sophronia Gregory
<b>Lectors:</b>	Judy Rowley, Sophronia Gregory
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Martha Dayton
<b>Minister of Communion:</b>	Cindy Anderau, Theodora Jameson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joe Bojnowski, Jessica O'Meara
<b>Trinity Driving:</b>	Carol Bigman
<b>Tech Guild:</b>	Floyd Higgins, Patrick DeBrock
<b>Trinity Café:</b>	Marcia DeBrock
<b>LEV:</b>	Martha Dayton, Ruth Garrett
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Judy LaCroix, George Rockwell
<b>Organist:</b>	Judy Novacek
<b>Nursery Assistant:</b>	Nathaniel Grummons
<b>The Little Pantry:</b>	Glenda & Gordon Strother

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### ***STAFF AND LEADERSHIP***

Presiding Bishop:	The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Bishops of Connecticut:	The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Mello, Bishop Diocesan The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan
Rector:	The Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt
Music Minister:	Jennifer Sisco
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Frances Chamberlain
Communications & Membership Director:	Kim Merrill
Bookkeeper:	Paige Fischer
Sexton:	Jack Qubick
Wardens:	Bob Gardner, Christina Lye
Clerk:	Tom Swetts
Treasurer:	Noel Bellesheim
Vestry:	Nancy Cole, Patrick Corrigan, Bennett Leake, Lisa Mages, Jessica O'Meara, Karen Wojtowicz
Delegates to the ECCT Convention	Bennett & Kara Leake

### **For those celebrating a birthday this week:**

Juliet Seymour, Dennis DeLoughy, Sue Roman, Sally DeLoughy