



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026
9:30AM

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 “Hey 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. 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.

The flowers this Sunday are dedicated to the memory of Verna Mages by Lisa Mages.

Prelude

Welcome

**Entrance Hymn 460*

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (Vs 1-3)

****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**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray:

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.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from Acts.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Spoken

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

²The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

³Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

¹⁰How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

¹¹I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹²I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

¹³Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

¹⁴O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
¹⁶I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
¹⁷In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from First Peter.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Hymn 487 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³Now on that same day two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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*

How shall we repay the Lord for all the good God has done? Let us offer the prayers of our hearts, saying, "Stay with us, Lord Jesus; *and set our hearts on fire.*"

Lord Jesus Christ, you have ransomed us by your own precious blood. Once again, as a holy community, we place our faith and hope in you.

Silence

Stay with us, Lord Jesus;
And set our hearts on fire.

Save us, O Lord, from corruption. Deliver the nations and peoples from greed and hatred. Place in your children hearts of repentance.

Silence

Stay with us, Lord Jesus;
And set our hearts on fire.

O Lord, you are the giver of good things. We thank you for this planet; we thank you for its gifts. We pray a blessing on the seeds that were sown this spring that the harvest might be bountiful.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Stay with us, Lord Jesus;
And set our hearts on fire.

O Lord, you are made known in the breaking of bread and so we pray for all those who lack bread. We pray for the hungry. You feed us generously at your table. Help us to generously feed the world.

Silence

Stay with us, Lord Jesus;

And set our hearts on fire.

Whenever we call upon you, gracious Lord, you incline your ear to us. We raise our voices for those for whom we care: those who are ill, those who are struggling, those who are in need of your mercy. Today we pray for Maureen, Marie, Jennifer, Jacky, Gail, Bode, Gracie, Martha, Shirley, Dan, Barbara, Caroline, Brent, Judy, Kathy, Peter, Abby, Rich, Paula, Larry, Elizabeth, Annmarie, Darryl, Cherie, L. Bertha, Levi, Millicent and family.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Stay with us, Lord Jesus;

And set our hearts on fire.

Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants. We trust you with our dead and with our dying. Jesus, be gracious with them, we pray.

Silence

Stay with us, Lord Jesus;

And set our hearts on fire.

Presider

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

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You can place an offering in the basket, use the QR code, or visit our website. www.trinitynewtownct.org



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

Offertory Music

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

***Presentation of the Gifts**

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, money and food bank donations to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented.

Doxology 380 (V 3)

***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 S129

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

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

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 306

Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to Be Our Guest

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.

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 Tom, Nancy, Helen, Leon and Marie. 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.

***Blessing**

Closing Hymn 182 *Christ is Alive (Vs 1-3)*

***Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

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

**Shredding Day
Saturday, April 25
9am-1pm
Trinity Church
parking lot**

On Saturday, 4/25, there will be a shredding vehicle in the Trinity Church parking lot at the Churchhill Rd entrance (next to the fire station). We ask your shreddable papers be in banker boxes or similar size. All donations of \$10 per box are used to buy food items for the Little Pantry, a local food pantry to serve those who are experiencing food scarcity in our area.



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We especially welcome all who care about LGBTQ+ people and their families.

Saturday, April 25, 2026 - 7pm
36 Main Street, Newtown, CT

Registration recommended but not required. [RSVP: communionsoleshow@gmail.com](mailto:communionsoleshow@gmail.com)

Join us for a screening of *Communion*, a powerful and personal film about faith, identity, and belonging. After being fired from his Catholic school job for marrying his husband, a music teacher turns to art and storytelling to confront exclusion and rediscover hope. A live conversation will follow the screening.

Today at Trinity

The Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt - Preacher & Presider
The Rev. Allison Brown - Assisting Priest
Lindsey Civitelli - Crucifer
Rebecca Merrick, Theodora Jameson - Lector
Joan King - Intercessor
Nancy Cole - Bell Ringing
Joan King, Theodora Jameson - Chalice Ministry
Ruth Garrett, Martha Dayton - LEV
Jessica Marlin - Usher
Kelly Rowan - Trinity Driving
George Duncan - Trinity Cafe
Phil Cruz, Chuck Wyatt - Tech Guild
Cristine Cochrane - Church School Assistant
Sofia Escalera - Nursery Assistant
Judy LaCroix, George Rockwell, Heather Pellagrino - Altar Guild
Chris Fecteau - Organist
Jennifer Sisco - Pianist

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For those celebrating a birthday this week

Rafe D'Agostino, Philip Galletta, Lindsey Civitelli, Cherie Swetts

For those celebrating an anniversary this week

Pete & Katie Bundy, Jessica & Chris Gibson, Nancy & Tom Maxwell