

*Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols, Trumbull CT*

*Sunday, June 12, 2022*

*Trinity Sunday*

This morning's service will begin outdoors at our tree carving with the following service of blessing:

Antiphon. Christ is the icon of the invisible God; all things were created through him and for him.

V. The Word became flesh

R. *And dwelt among us.*

Let us pray (Silence)

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior manifested your glory in his flesh, and sacrificed the outward and visible to be a means to perceive realities unseen:

Accept and bless, † we beseech thee, this figure of the dove, a symbol of peace. *Amen*

Accept and bless, † we beseech thee, this figure of the lamb, a symbol of sacrifice. *Amen*

Accept and bless, † we beseech thee, this figure of the rabbit, a symbol of fertility. *Amen*

Accept and bless, † we beseech thee, this figure of the sunflower, a symbol of hope and warmth.  
*Amen*

Accept and bless, † we beseech thee, this figure of the Episcopal Cross, a symbol of the Christian Life. *Amen*

We dedicate this work of art to the glory of thy Name and the edification of thy people, that looking thereon with spiritual understanding, we may be inspired to give our lives to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The congregation will move indoors following the service of blessing.

**Hymn: Holy Father, Great Creator**

Holy Father, great Creator, source of mercy, love, and peace,  
look upon the Mediator, clothe us with his righteousness;  
heavenly Father, heavenly Father, through the Savior hear and bless.

Holy Jesus, Lord of glory, whom angelic hosts proclaim,  
while we hear thy wondrous story, meet and worship in thy Name,  
dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer, in our hearts thy peace proclaim.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, come with unction from above,  
touch our hearts with sacred fire, fill them with the Savior's love.  
Source of comfort, Source of comfort, cheer us with the Savior's love.

God the Lord, through every nation let thy wondrous mercies shine.  
In the song of thy salvation every tongue and race combine.  
Great Jehovah, great Jehovah, form our hearts and make them thine.

## Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

## 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.*

Gloria Hymn: Holy, Holy Holy (H 362)

## ✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### Collect Of The Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

"To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth--

when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race."

Canticle 13 (*Congregation invited to join choir on alternate verses*)

Glory to you, Lord God of our **fathers**; \*  
you are worthy of praise; your **glory** to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy **Name**; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt **you** for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your **temple**; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, **glory** to you.

Glory to you, seated between the **Cherubim**; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt **you** for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the **depths**; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, **glory** to you.

Glory to you, Father Son, and Holy **Spirit**; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt **you** for ever.

The Second Lesson *Romans 5:1-5*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Gradual Hymn:        *REFRAIN*        *Cantor intones, congregation repeats*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed Apostle sing praise

Prophets and martyrs give glory

For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son!

The Gospel *John 16:5-15*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** Now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Homily

## 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.*

## The Prayers of the People

Help us, O God, to remain faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. This day, as we celebrate the mysteries of the Holy Trinity, we pray saying, ***Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.***

Almighty God, creator, renew the face of the earth. Bless our activity on land and sea and help us work together to safeguard the integrity of your creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth. ***Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.***

Gracious Spirit, counsellor, touch our lips that we may proclaim your word. Help us see you in one another and help us proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ. ***Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.***

Lord Christ, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness. We pray for peace throughout the world. Help us strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being. ***Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.***

Almighty God, give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free. Help us resist evil and, whenever we sin, repent and return to you. ***Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.***

Gracious Spirit, wisdom and truth: strengthen us in the risk of faith. Help us to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves. ***Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.***

Lord Christ, source of healing and wholeness, be with all who are sick, and with all who are anxious, isolated, or lonely. I invite you to offer your own petitions and supplications, either silently or aloud. We pray that all may know your love and healing presence. ***Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.***

Almighty God, faithful to us in times of grief and loss, be with those who are dying and who have died. I invite you to offer your own remembrances, either silently or aloud. We pray that those we remember may share in the risen life of Christ. ***Blessed Trinity, hear our prayer.***

Celebrant: We bind ourselves, O God, today, to the strong name of the Trinity. And we name you: Three in One, One in Three; and claim our place in your community of love. Be with us, within us, behind us, before us. May we be vessels of your restoring love, peace and wholeness in the world. Amen.

## Prayers for Transition (*Officiant and People*)

*Good and gracious God, we stand on the threshold of a new time for our diocese. As we cross that threshold hand in hand in thankfulness with our new Bishop-elect, Jeffrey Mello, pour upon us an*

*abundance of your grace and guidance that together we may seek to be about the building up of your Kingdom in this place. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*Oh God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us throughout our time of transition. Empower each one of us to use our unique gifts in ministry, to share openly and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Instill in us a vision of the Church's family; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Prayer for the Lambeth Conference (*Officiant and People*)

*Holy and loving God, we thank you for calling us to be disciples of Jesus Christ. As we grow in our discipleship we ask for the gift of eager curiosity to discover ever deeper and richer meaning in Jesus' way of life and teaching. Give us the grace to recognize their implications for our own attitudes and ways of living, and rather than take refuge in past assumptions, give us the courage to respond to the challenges with trustful obedience. May our discipleship be our increasingly faithful witness to your Risen Christ who dwells in us and to your unbounded love for all your creation. We ask this as members of Christ's mystical body here on earth. Amen* (Order of St. Benedict)

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

Welcome and Announcements

The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign

Award of 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarships

The Offertory Sentence

## ✠ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✠

The Offertory

Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (H 423)

*(to be sung)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving

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 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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 (S 125) (sung)*

*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. Hosanna in the highest.*

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:

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

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.***

### The Lord's Prayer

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.***

### The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Fraction Anthem: *Angus Dei* (S 161) (*sung*)

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### The Communion

Communion Hymn: *God We Praise You*

God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you sovereign Lord!

Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by your church adored:

all creation shows your glory, heaven and earth draw near your throne

singing 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts, and God alone!'

True apostles, faithful prophets, saints who set their world ablaze,  
martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, join one growing song of praise,  
while your church on earth confesses one majestic Trinity:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.

Jesus Christ, the King of glory, everlasting Son of God,  
humble was your virgin mother, hard the lonely path you trod:  
by your cross is sin defeated, hell confronted face to face,  
heaven opened to believers, sinners justified by grace.

Christ, at God's right hand victorious, you will judge the world you made;  
Lord, in mercy help your servants for whose freedom you have paid:  
raise us up from dust to glory, guard us from all sin today;  
King enthroned above all praises, save your people, God, we pray.

### Prayer After Communion

*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.*

### The Blessing

Hymn: Holy God We Praise Thy Name (*verses 1-4*) (H 366)

### The Dismissal

*The altar flowers this morning are given in celebration of  
175 years of praying together.*

Clergy	<i>The Rev. Peter Powell</i> <i>The Rev. Diane Peterson</i>
Intercessor	<i>Simon Howes</i>
Lectors	<i>Elizabeth Moyer</i> <i>Jane Sampson</i>
Organ	<i>Herb Lazration</i>
Trumpeter	<i>Jamey Allan</i>
Usher	<i>Joe Buzzeo</i>

*Please join us in the Parish Hall following today's service for a special  
brunch to begin our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.*

❖ Parish Announcements ❖

☛ Prayer Requests

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Bill, Amy, M’lee, Dave, Kelly, Maggie, Willard, Catherine, Carolyn, Alison, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, Jane, Al, Phyllis, Xavi, Adam, Billy, Jane, Kelly, Paul, Robby, Suzie, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Lilly, Pat, Jodi, Rui, Susan, Lisa, Marilee, John, Donna, DJ, Deacon Knute, Fran, Suzanne, George, Chris, Jamie, Michael, Hunter, Mason, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny.

☛ WORSHIP

**THIS WEEK** we welcome back The Rev. Dr. Peter Powell.

**CHILDREN** please join Miss Brenda for a special Trinity Sunday program downstairs in the church school room.

**TEN REASONS** why you should come to church: #2 – Church gives us a chance to reflect on gratitude. By practicing gratitude, we can reframe negative or frustrating situations into learning opportunities. Gratitude helps us realize how blessed we are and how much we truly have. Even when things seem dire and awful, church helps us change our outlook and stop dwelling on empty questions like, “Why is this happening to me?”

**THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE** – what is it? All 883 archbishops and bishops of the Anglican Communion are invited to the Lambeth Conference which is convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury. First meeting in 1867, the conference happens once-a-decade and is a significant event in the life of the Anglican Communion. The next scheduled meeting begins this year on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The conference explores church and world affairs, and outcomes of the conference will shape the life of the Anglican Communion in the decade ahead. Lambeth is a district in central London and Lambeth Palace has been the official London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury since 1200. While the official title of the conference is the Lambeth Conference, most of the meetings take place in Canterbury. Beginning this Sunday, during the Prayers of the People, we will offer a prayer for the success of this year’s conference.

**TRINITY SUNDAY**, June 12<sup>th</sup> – an important day in the life of Trinity, Nichols. Please join us in person for several special activities planned for the day, a fabulous brunch, once in a lifetime awards and blessings, and a spirit of renewed commitment to the success of Trinity.

**TOTAL RAISED** for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign as of June 9, 2022, is \$47,500

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☛ CARING CONNECTIONS

**Birthdays** – Raegyn Gill (the 13th), David Cavallaro (the 13th), Maddie Robert (the 15th).

☛ PARISH LIFE

**INTERMENT** Saturday, June 25th we will be holding the interment of long-time parishioners Bill and Thelma Whiteside. The service will take place outside in the memorial garden at 11am. All are welcome to attend.

**Moral March** - On June 18, people from across the country will gather in Washington, D.C. to join Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Registration and donation link are below.

- Here’s the registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/poor-peoples-campaign-march-on-washington-registration-320191179437>
- Link to the donation page: [https://ppc\\_donation.eventbrite.com](https://ppc_donation.eventbrite.com)