

# Trinity Episcopal Church

*Offering companionship along the Way*

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

**Prelude** Organ improvisation on tune *Lucerna Laudoniae*

**Processional Hymn 538** God of mercy, God of grace

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Priest:* 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.***

**Glory to God S 280** “Gloria in excelsis”

Robert J Powell

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* Let us pray together our collect:

**O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**A Reading from Isaiah 55:10-13**

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**



*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Samuel Vaught

**Moment of silence for reflection**

**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 Form 3**

Father, we pray for all peoples throughout the world. May people who suffer and are caught up in the midst of natural disaster, disease or poverty, find peace through you; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all those in religious orders, for lay and ordained ministers, and all the holy people of God; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We give thanks at all times for the blessings of our lives. We lift up our thanksgivings (we leave time for people to say silently or aloud the things for which they are grateful). Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Alan Swide, Helen Symons & Rachel Greenwood, and Carol Taylor, and for their families;

**That we may serve and love them, and one another, as Christ loves us.**

Have compassion on those who suffer, especially Tom Schindler, Heather Chapman and Geoff Brown (*Please add your names.*) We pray for all who are afflicted with any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for all those who have died, especially those who we name (*Please add your names.*) Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for all the saints, those we love in this world, and in the next;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Amen.**

### **The Confession**

*Pastor:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

### **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Pastor:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

### **Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn 703** Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace *Song 22*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* And also with you.  
*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.  
*People:* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
*Celebrant:* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks,  
all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing  
and fed us with your constant love;  
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ  
and knit us into one body.  
Through your Spirit you replenish us  
and call us to fullness of life.

### **Holy, holy, holy Lord S 130 Sanctus**

Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image  
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care  
that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another,  
and rejected your love.  
Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you.  
You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,  
and raised up prophets  
to renew your promise of salvation.  
Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all  
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.**

Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage  
of your daughters and sons, that with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
forever. **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 S 154** Christ our Passover

David Hurd, b. 1950

**Gifts of God for the People of God**

**Communion Hymn 341** For the bread which you have broken *Omni Die*  
*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are offered.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn 467** Sing, my soul, his wondrous love *St. Bees*

### **The Dismissal**

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Organ improvisation on tune *St. Bees*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God.*

### Serving Today

*Preacher and Celebrant:* The Rev. Samuel Vaught

*Minister of Communion:* Theresa Kenny

*Lector:* Maureen Bateman

*Epistler:* David Beers

*Intercessor:* Diane Walters

*Flowers:* Theresa Kenny

*Counter:* Barry Anderson

*Altar Guild:* Team

*Greeter/Usher:* Jim Conzo

*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## Announcements

- Sunday, July 19** 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Rev. Marilyn Anderson, Preacher & Celebrant
- Sunday, July 26** 8:00 AM Morning Prayer Janet Walker  
10:30 AM Morning Prayer Mary Smegielski & Lydia Babbitt  
Trinity, Torrington
- Sunday, August 2** 8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
10:30 AM Rev. Kathleen Killian, Preacher & Celebrant

## Weekly Schedule

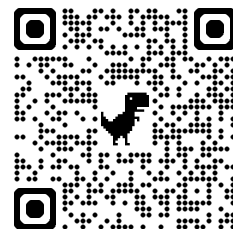
- Tuesdays** 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM Taichi Practice with Christopher Kiely in Walker Hall  
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Organ practice
- Wednesdays** 6:00 PM Women's AA in Walker Hall  
6:15 PM Trinity Choir Rehearsals
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon— Parish Administrator, Patricia Signorelli  
every Sat. Admin@trinitylimerock.org

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