



Welcome to
TRINITY CHURCH ON THE GREEN **5^{pm}**
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
APRIL 28, 2024 AT FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.

SUNG VESPERS
THE SALT & PEPPER GOSPEL CHOIR



The liturgy for this evening's service comes from the Iona Abbey Worship Book: A Service of Prayer for Justice and Peace. The Iona Community is an ecumenical Christian community that is committed to seeking new ways of living the Gospel in today's world. It was founded in 1938 by the Revd George MacLeod, when he was a parish minister in Glasgow. Initially its purpose was expressed through the rebuilding of the monastic quarters of the mediaeval abbey on Iona. The Community remains committed to rebuilding the common life through working for social and political change, striving for the renewal of the church with an ecumenical emphasis, and exploring new, more inclusive approaches to worship.

WELCOME

OPENING RESPONSES

All stand

Leader O God, who called all life into being,
All The earth, sea and sky are yours.

Leader Your presence is all around us,
All Every atom is full of your energy.

Leader Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,
All With her we yearn for justice to be done.

Leader For creation to be freed from bondage,
All For the hungry to be fed,

Leader For captives to be released,
All For your kingdom of peace to come on earth.

SONG

congregation seated

“Lord, Have Your Way”

*The Salt & Pepper
Gospel Singers*

WORD

A reading from the Gospel according to John

15:1-8

JESUS said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

The Rev. Luk De Volder, Rector

SONG

“Search Me, Lord”

*The Salt & Pepper
Gospel Singers*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

said by all, standing

WE believe in God
whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face
in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil
that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful
and full of doubt,
in God we trust;
and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth
and to share the commonwealth
of God’s goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness
and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful
so to be the church,
for the glory of God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

The People stand or kneel

Let us pray to the Lord saying, “Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**”

O God of all creation who has come to us in Jesus, lead us in your way of love and fill us with your Spirit. Choose us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to bring sight to the blind and set free the oppressed. So shall your new creation come and your will be done. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Spirit of truth and judgment, who alone can cast out the powers that grip our world at the point of crisis, give us your discernment, that we may accurately name what is evil, and know the way that leads to peace, through Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Spirit of integrity, you drive us into the desert to search out our truth. Give us clarity to know what is right, that we may abandon the false innocence of failing to choose at all, but may follow the purposes of Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of history, you share our joys and crushing sorrows, you hear the cries of the afflicted, you fill the hungry, and you set free the oppressed. We pray for the end to all injustice. Inspire us with the all-embracing love of God, challenge us with the sacrificial love of Jesus, empower us with the transforming love of the Spirit, that we and all God's children may live and be free. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY SONG

“God is My Everything”

*The Salt & Pepper
Gospel Singers*

congregation seated

Offertory

During our Offertory Song, we invite you to consider how you are giving to God's mission in the world and here at Trinity Church on the Green – through time, talent, and financial support.

Ways to Give

1. ONLINE: Visit our safe & secure online donation portal: <https://onrealm.org/TrinityOnGreen/-/give/general>
2. TEXT: Text “TrinityNewHaven \$20.00” to 73256 and follow the instructions. Please note that the dollar amount may be substituted for any amount greater than \$3.00.
3. CHECK: Mail Checks to office address: 950 Chapel Street, Floor 2, New Haven, CT 06510
4. APP: Download the Give+ App and search for Trinity by zip code (06510)
5. Please contact AnnaDea Diotalevi, Development Manager with any questions

THE LORD'S PRAYER

said by all

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.

CLOSING RESPONSES

All Stand

Leader A blessing on you who are poor,
All Yours is the kingdom of God.

Leader A blessing on you who mourn,
All You shall be comforted.

Leader A blessing on you who hunger for justice,
All You shall be satisfied.

Leader A blessing on you who make peace
All You shall be called children of God.

Leader A blessing on you who are persecuted for the cause of right,
All Yours is the kingdom of heaven.
Amen.

CLOSING SONG

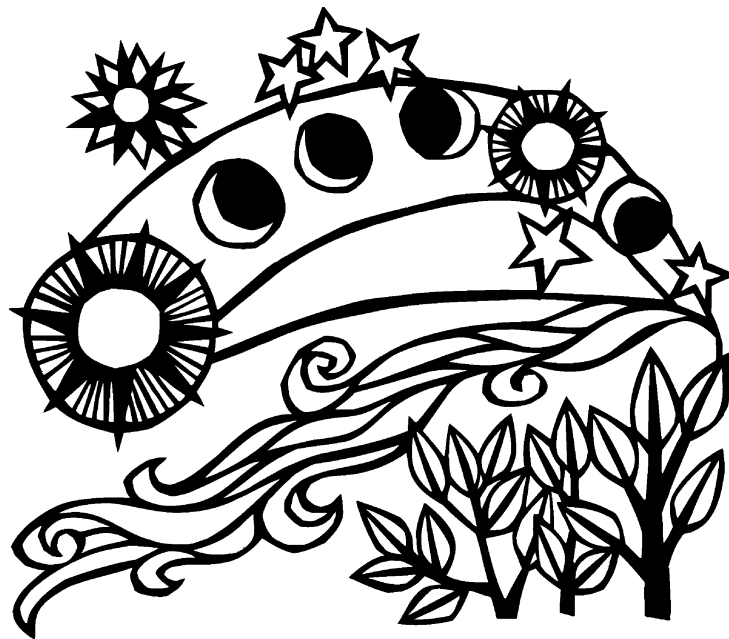
congregation seated

“I Will Sing, Hallelujah”

*The Salt & Pepper
Gospel Singers*

BLESSING

MAY the God who shakes heaven and earth,
whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and heal us,
bless you with power to go forth
and proclaim the Gospel.
Amen.



ABOUT THE SALT & PEPPER GOSPEL SINGERS

Mae Gibson-Brown and Sheila Bonenberger, the co-founders of The Salt and Pepper Gospel Singers, have been engaging in conversations with each other and with audiences all over America since 1985 the choir made its first appearance at the first annual Branford Festival.

The Salt and Pepper Gospel Singers is a non-denominational, inter-faith choir that sings Black gospel music founded in 1985. It has performed at churches, community events, homeless shelters and prisons. The choir has also appeared on the Today Show, at universities, including Yale and Harvard, at the Apollo Theater in Harlem and at Lincoln Center in New York City, to name a few of the venues. They have sung at music festivals from the Spoleto festivals in Charleston, South Carolina, to Provincetown, Massachusetts. The choir was also the subject of the documentary “Not Just Good Time Sunday,” which aired on Cinemax. The Connecticut State Senate named the choir Connecticut’s “Ambassadors of Gospel Music,” and CBS Radio recognized the group as “a significant force in the battle against bigotry and racism.” The choir has been reviewed in newspapers too numerous to mention, including in *The New York Times*.

The Salt and Pepper Gospel Singers, under the direction of Ronald Pollard, is still going strong some 40 years after their first appearance. Ronnie is a musical leader in the community, from choirs to individual mini voice lessons. Under his faithful and skillful leadership the Salt and Pepper Gospel Singers continue to sing together. This musical collaboration that brings together people of different races and religious traditions is just as important as ever.

Save the Date!

The Salt & Pepper Gospel Singers will celebrate their **40th Anniversary** with a concert at Trinity Church on the Green on April 26, 2025.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY | 7:45 a.m. – Quiet Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m. – Choral Morning Prayer (first Sunday of the Month)
10:30 a.m. – Community Eucharist
2:00 p.m. – Chapel on the Green
5:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY | 12:10 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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