

Trinity Episcopal Church
Collinsville, CT

Christmas Eve
A Service of Holy Eucharist
December 24, 2023



MISSION STATEMENT: "With God's love, we joyfully welcome and nourish all; with God's help, we serve our community and beyond."

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Welcome to Trinity

We welcome all who worship with us this Christmas Eve at Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville, CT -- those here in our sanctuary and those who join us by live-streaming.

Please know that your presence and your prayers are a beloved gift to this faith community. We pray that you sense the love of Christ, the stirring of the Holy Spirit, and God's presence as we worship together on this Holy Night.

Note: We continue to set aside pews on the right side of the church for those who prefer to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

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Christmas Concert



3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Rite 2 Communion 4:00 p.m.

Anthems:

Breath of Heaven, Music: Amy Grant

Soloist: Dawn Lowell, Soprano

Carol of the Stable, Music: Sandra Ford

Soloists: Diane Terry, Alto; Peter Dehey, Bass

Flute: Kristi Napolitano

A Carol of Hope, Music: Don Besig

Choir:

Sopranos: Katharine Hart, Dawn Lowell, Leslie Dehey

Altos: Diane Terry, Heather Prescott, Christine Greene

Tenors: Laurie Barnhart

Basses: Peter Dehey, Rob Finney

Musicians:

Doug Lang, Flute

Nathan Dialecktakis, Violin

Illiana Dialecktakis, Violin

Sophie Cassarino, Saxophone

Nick Cassarino, Saxophone

Trinity Director of Music: Francesco Blackmore

Christmas Eve Service

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The Rev. Salin Low

Prelude Once in Royal David's City by Ensemble

Processional Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Words: John Francis Wade Music: John Francis Wade

*O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye,
to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;*

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;
(Refrain)*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Collect for Purity: *(in unison)*

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.

Song of Praise

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation,
that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a
mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



The Nativity Story

The congregation will remain seated during *The Nativity Story*.

First Reading:

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Reader: Mimi McGill

Hymn: *O Come, O Come Immanuel*

Words: Latin 9th Century Music: Thomas Helmore

*O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.*

(Refrain)

Second Reading: Luke 1:26-32

Reader: Mimi McGill

Hymn: *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came*

Words: Basque Carol Music: Gabriel's Message, Harmony Edgar Pettman

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!*

*"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!*

Third Reading: Luke 2:1-5

Reader: Mimi McGill

Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Words: Phillips Brooks Music: Lewis H. Redner

*O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.*

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:6-7

Reader: Mimi McGill

Hymn: *Away in a Manger*

Words: Unknown Music: James Murray, arr. Edythe Woodruff

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes,
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-12 Reader: Michelle Mensel

Hymn: *The First Nowell*

Words: English Carol Music/Harmony: John Stainer

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Refrain:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

Sixth Reading: Luke 2:13-14 Reader: Michelle Mensel

Hymn: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Words: Charles Wesley Music: Felix Mendelssohn

*Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

Refrain:

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
glory to the newborn King!*

*Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
Light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!*

(Refrain)

Seventh Reading: Luke 2:15-20 Reader: Michelle Mensel

Hymn: *What Child Is This?*

Words: William Chatterton Dix Music: Greensleeves

*What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?*

Refrain:

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

Eighth Reading: Matthew 2:1-2, 5b, 9b-10 Reader: Michelle Mensel

Hymn: *We Three Kings*

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

*We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.*

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!*



The Sermon:

The Rev. Salin Low

Choir Anthem:

Rejoice, for Christ is Born!

David Lantz III

The Nicene Creed (*Please stand as you are able*)

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

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Please stand as you are able.

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

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

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

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

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

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

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: We pray especially for those on our intercession list _____, and for those named here (pause for the congregation to add their intercessions). In your mercy,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for our congregation and our Vestry as we seek a new priest for our faith community. Guide us and give us wisdom and patience, that we may discern your will for us, and that we will call a

priest who will inspire us, care for us and bring us closer to you.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, let us pray for St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgeport; and for the children of the world, the Bishop's Fund for Children, and all ECCT ministries for children at risk.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for peace in the world:
God of peace and justice, we pray for peace in the world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for all in these wars who have died, are wounded or missing. We pray for all who grieve, live in fear, and wait anxiously for the return of their loved ones. We pray for those who protect and defend our country. May your kingdom of justice and peace reign throughout the world. Amen.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel as you are able.

All: 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.**

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Karanne Farling

The Holy Communion

The Offering

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

Hymn: Angels we have heard on high

Words: James Chadwick; Music: Edward Shippen Barnes

1 Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why these songs of happy cheer? What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4 See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Doxology Hymn #380 (vs. 3)

Words: Thomas Ken; Music: Louis Bourgeois

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Celebrant:: All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given Thee. Amen

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: 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;

And we offer this 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 forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

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 Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

Communion Hymn: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Words: Edward M. Sears Music: Richard Storrs Willis

*It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
bend on hovering wing,*

*and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.*

*For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.*

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

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.

Candles are lighted, lights are dimmed, then we sing:

Hymn: **Silent Night**

Words: Joseph Mohr Music: Franz Gruber

*Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

Candles are extinguished.

The Blessing

Recessional: *Joy to The World! The Lord is Come*

Words: Isaac Watts Music: George Frideric Handel

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,*

*and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude Joy to the World, by Ensemble

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Celebrating the Worship Service:

The People of God gathered in Trinity Church and at home.

Celebrant: The Rev. Salin Low

Readers: Mimi McGill, Michelle Mensel

Crucifer: Elaine Eno

Acolytes: Stan Moraski and Marc-Yves Regis

Ministers of

Communion: Stan Moraski and Marc-Yves Regis

Ushers: Mimi and Dave McGill

Altar Guild: Ann Bierut and Deb Asaro

Music: Francesco Blackmore, Director, the Trinity Choir
and the Instrumental Ensemble.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given to the Glory of God.





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Joy to the World



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