

Trinity Episcopal Church
Collinsville, CT

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Service of Communion Rite II

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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 morning at Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville, CT -- those of you here in our sanctuary and those who join us by live-streaming.

Please know that your prayers and your presence 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 here this morning.

Although the Covid restrictions have been lifted, we continue to set aside the right side of the church for those who prefer to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

For those joining us at home, the service bulletin may be found at www.trinitycollinsville.org/bulletins.

The Book of Common Prayer is at
www.BCPonline.org

Local Live TV

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There are two ways to do this:

- Go to the Trinity website at www.TrinityCollinsville.org. On the home page scroll down to the section that says "Join us on Sundays" and push the button labeled "Worship With Us" That will take you directly to Trinity's page on the Local Live TV website. On the homepage you can also find the most recent bulletin there and you can access an online version of the Book of Common Prayer as well.

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Sunday, December 10, 2023
The Second Sunday of Advent
Rev. Salin Low

Prelude

Opening Hymn: Prepare the Way, O Zion #65

Words: Charles Price, Music: Koralbok for Svenska Kyrkan

1 Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

O blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.

2 He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding. [Refrain]

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace,
His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him. [Refrain]

Welcome

Advent Two

Celebrant: As we are now in the season of Advent, we'll begin our service with the Lighting of the Advent Wreath.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Angel's Candle of Peace

Choir sings Verse 7 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Advent Wreath Lighted by: Diane, Elaine and Jonathan Eno.

Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And Blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.
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.

Kyrie

S96

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her
sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of
the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our
God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain
and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become
level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of
the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it
together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the
field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath
of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our
God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good
tidings; lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the
Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the
lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Reader: You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

People: You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.

Reader: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, for he
is speaking peace to his faithful people and to
those who turn their hearts to him.

People Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear
him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Reader: Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness
and peace have kissed each other.

People: Truth shall spring up from the earth, and
righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Reader: The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

People: Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Alleluia verse



Al-le-lu-ia; A-lle-lu-ia; Al-le-lu-ia.

The Gospel

Mark 1: 1-8

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt

around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily

Rev. Salin Low

A period of silence is kept

Choir Anthem Hark the Glad Sound

Raymond Haan

The Nicene Creed (in unison)

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.

Choral Call to Prayer

Words and Music by Francesco Blackmore

The Prayers of the People

Form III BCP p. 387

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. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield and ministries for the homeless, for parishes that offer a temporary or permanent shelter. For Chapel on the Green, New Haven, Church by the Pond, Hartford, and all Ecclesia ministries.

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

The Offering

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

Offertory Hymn: Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless #343

Words: James Montgomery, Music: Richard Proulx

1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

2 We would not live by bread alone,
but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding-place.

3 Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.

4 Lord, sup with us in love divine,
thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

The Doxology Old 100th

Hymn 380 stanza 3

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.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p.361

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 him 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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again

In power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S124

**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 stand or kneel.)

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**

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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast
Alleluia, alleluia, 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 My God, Thy Table Now is Spread #321

Words: Isaac Watts, Music: Samuel Webbe

1 My God, thy table now is spread,
thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led,
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2 O let thy table honored be,
and furnished well with joyful guests:
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest
till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread shall all be blessed
who see the light or feel the sun.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Celebrant: 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.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: On Jordan's Bank #76

Words: John Chandler, Music: William Henry Monk

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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The People of God gathered in Trinity Church and at home

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