

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Collinsville, CT

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9:00 a.m.

Service of Antecomunion Rite II

# The Third Sunday of Advent



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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](http://www.trinitycollinsville.org/bulletins).

The Book of Common Prayer is at  
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Sunday, December 17, 2023

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## Prelude

### Opening Hymn Hark, the Glad Sound! #72

Words: Samuel Webbe, Music: Craig Sellar Lang

1 Hark, the glad sound! the Savior comes,  
the Savior promised long:  
let every heart prepare a throne,  
and every voice a song.

2 He comes, the prisoners to release  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.

3 He comes, the broken heart to bind,  
the bleeding soul to cure;  
and with the treasures of his grace  
to enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
thy welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's eternal arches ring  
with thy beloved Name.

## Welcome

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

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Bethlehem Candle of Joy

Choir sings Verse 6 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
Advent Wreath Lighted by: Laurie Barnhart and Chris  
Greene.

## Opening Acclamation

**Presider:** 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

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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

**Presider:** The Lord be with you

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

**Presider:** Let us pray

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;

to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

**Canticle 15    The Song of Mary                    Luke 1:46-55**

**Reader:** My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

**People:** **My spirit rejoices in God my Savior;**

**Reader:** For he has looked with favor on his lowly  
servant.

**People:** **From this day all generations will call me  
blessed:**

**Reader:** The Almighty has done great things for me, and  
holy is his Name.

**People:** **He has mercy on those who fear him in every  
generation.**



**Reader:** He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

**People:** **He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**Reader:** He has filled the hungry with good things, and  
the rich he has sent away empty.

**People:** **He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for  
he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

**Reader** The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham  
and his children for ever.

**All:** **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Second Reading            1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for  
you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words  
of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good;  
abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and  
may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and  
blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one  
who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Amen.

**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**

**John 1:6-8,19-28**

**Presider:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the

voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

**Presider:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Homily**

Stan Moraski

A period of silence is kept

## **Choir Anthem A Maiden Most Gentle**

Andrew Carter

## **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. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford; Calvary St. George's, Bridgeport; and those who advocate at the local, state,

national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

**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.**

**Presider:** 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 Offering

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

## Offertory Hymn Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord #437

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, Music: Birmingham

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

tender to me the promise of his word;

in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

his mercy sure, from age to age the same;

his holy Name— the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!

Powers and dominions lay their glory by.

Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,

the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

to children's children and for evermore!



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

**Presider:** All things come of thee, O Lord.

**People:** and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

**Presider:** 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 Peace

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

**People:** And also with you.

## Announcements

## The Grace

**Presider:** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling. #539

Words: Mary Ann Thomson, Music: John Walch

1 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,  
to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
that he who made all nations is not willing  
one soul should fail to know his love and might.

Refrain:

Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace,  
tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

2 Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;  
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,  
and died on earth that all might live above. [Refrain]

4 He comes again! O Zion, ere thou meet him,  
make known to every heart his saving grace;  
let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him,  
through thy neglect, unfit to see his face. [Refrain]

## **The Dismissal**

**Presider:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **Postlude**

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**The Sanctuary Lamp is Given  
to the Glory of God.**

**Celebrating the Worship Service:**

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

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Homilist:	Stan Moraski
Reader:	Jack Henne
Usher:	Joan Andrews
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