

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Collinsville, CT

April 28, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Service of Antecommunion Rite II



**The Fifth Sunday  
of Easter**

*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 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 here.

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**[www.TrinityCollinsville.org](http://www.TrinityCollinsville.org)**

Scroll down to the section that says "Join us on Sundays", click on "Worship with Us", then click on the service to watch.

From "Join us on Sundays", you can also access the Bulletins and Readings for the service and the Book of Common Prayer.

Sunday, April 28, 2024  
Antecomunion Rite 11  
Presider: Stan Moraski

Prelude

Opening Hymn: Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove #512

Words: Simon Browne, Music: Lowell Mason

1 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with light and comfort from above;  
be thou our guardian, thou our guide  
o'er every thought and step preside.

2 The light of truth to us display,  
and make us know and choose thy way;  
plant holy fear in every heart,  
that we from thee may ne'er depart.

3 Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
nor let us from his precepts stray;  
lead us to holiness, the road  
that we must take to dwell with God.

4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share  
fullness of joy for ever there;  
lead us to God, our final rest,  
to be with him for ever blest.

## Welcome

### Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Gloria

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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

**Presider:** The Lord be with you

**People:** And also with you.

**Presider:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

**Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was

returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip

found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

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

## The Psalm

## Psalm 22:24-30

**Reader:** My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

**People:** **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:  
"May your heart live for ever!"**

**Reader:** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**People:** **For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules  
over the nations.**

**Reader:** To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

**People:** **My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; they shall be  
known as the LORD's for ever.**

**Reader:** They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has

## The Epistle

## 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or



sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**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 15:1-8**

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

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

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.”

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

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

**The Homily**

**Stan Moraski**

**Choir Anthem:** O Come, Sweet Spirit

Music: Luigi Zaninelli

**The Nicene Creed** (in unison) (all stand) BCP p. 358

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: "O Lord, Hear My 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).

**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. Mark's, New Canaan; Christ Church, New Haven; St. James', New Haven; and parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy.

We also pray for the Anglican Church of Bangladesh.

**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, and in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. 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: Like The Murmur of the Dove's Song #513

Words: Carl P. Daw, Music: Peter Cutts

1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 To the members of Christ's Body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the Church in faith assembled,  
to her midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

3 With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

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.

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

**The Lord's Prayer** (in unison)

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: Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing #344

Words: John Fawcett, Music: Silicon Mariners

1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace:  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:  
may the fruits of thy salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound:  
ever faithful, ever faithful  
to thy truth may we be found;

3 so that when thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
fear of death shall not appall us,  
glad thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with thee in endless day.

## **The Dismissal**

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

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

## **Postlude**

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**Celebrating the Worship Service:**

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

Presider/Homilist:	Stan Moraski
Reader:	Robin Mengual
Usher:	Gary Nicksa
Altar Guild:	Sharon Corthouts and Ann Bierut
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director and Trinity Choir

## Trinity's Calendar

**Sunday, April 28**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
The Service of Antecommunion, Rite II  
Presider/Homilist: Stan Moraski

**Monday, Apr 29**

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Canton Food Bank open

**Tuesday, Apr 30**

7:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Canton Food Bank Open

**Wed, May 1**

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Bible Study with Rick Richardson

**Sunday, May 5**

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
The Service of Antecommunion Rite II  
Stan Moraski Presiding

**Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday, May 12**

The Seventh Sunday of Easter and  
The Sunday after Ascension Day  
The Service of the Holy Eucharist  
Celebrant is the Reverend Tim Hodapp,  
Canon for Transition Ministry  
Rev. Hodapp will join us at Coffee Hour to chat  
with us.  
Please join us for this important event.

*Trinity Office Hours: Tues., Wed. and Thurs. 8:30 am-3:30 pm*

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