

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Collinsville, CT

Sunday, December 1, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

Service of Communion Rite II

**The First Sunday  
of Advent**



**First Sunday in Advent**

**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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**Sunday, December 1, 2024**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**  
**The Rev. Salin Low**

**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding #59**

Words: Hymns Ancient and Modern, Music: Alan Gray

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding.

"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;

"Cast away the works of darkness,

O ye children of the day."

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,  
from earth's bondage let us rise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;

4 so when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
may he with his mercy shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.

5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while unending ages run.

## Welcome

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

**Lighting the Advent Wreath - The Candle of Hope**

Readers: Laurie Barnhart and Michelle Mensel

Choir sings O Come, O Come Emmanuel, verse 1

## 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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved

and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm:

Psalm 25:1-9

Reader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be  
humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

People: Let none who look to you be put to shame; let  
the treacherous be disappointed in their  
schemes.

Reader: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your  
paths.

People: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are  
the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all  
the day long.

Reader: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

People: Remember not the sins of my youth and my  
transgressions; remember me according to your  
love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**Reader:** Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**People:** He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

**Reader:** All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **The New Testament**

## **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**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**

**Luke 21:25-36**

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."



"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Salin Low

A period of silence is kept

**Choir Anthem**

**Hark The Glad Sound**

Raymond Haan

**The Nicene Creed (in unison)**

BCP 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**

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 Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam; Christ Church, Bethany; Postulants and candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry and its members. We also pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** God of peace and justice, we pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East, in Ukraine and Russia, 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

**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: - Lo! He Comes With Cloud Descending #58

1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand, thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture, with what rapture,  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

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.*

### Agnus Dei

S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

**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.

*(Gluten-free wafers and individual cups  
are available at the altar rail)*

### Communion Hymn **Sleeper's Wake! #61**

Words: Phillip Nicolai, Music: Johann Sebastian Bach

1 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us.  
The shout of rampart guards surrounds us:  
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"  
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,  
their urgent summons clearly spoken:  
"The time has come, O maidens wise!  
Rise up, and give us light.  
The Bridegroom is in sight.  
Alleluia!

Your lamps prepare and hasten there,  
that you the wedding feast may share."

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing;  
her heart with joyful hope is springing,  
She wakes and hurries through the night.  
Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glorious  
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:  
her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
Now come, most worthy Lord, God's son,  
Incarnate Word,  
Alleluia!  
We follow all and heed your call  
to come into the banquet hall.

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: Hail to the Lord's Anointed #616

Words: James Montgomery, Music: Henry Walford Davies

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

4 Kings shall bow down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all blessing and all blest;  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his Name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless Name of Love.

## **The Dismissal**

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

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

## **Postlude**

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**The Altar Flowers and the Sanctuary Lamp are  
Given to the Glory of God**

**Celebrating the Worship Service:**

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

Celebrant:	The Rev. Salin Low
Crucifer:	Jonathan Eno
Minister of Communion:	Stan Moraski
Reader:	Sandy Thibault
Usher:	Deb Asaro
Altar Guild:	Marianne Amo and Ann Bierut
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director and the Trinity Choir

Lighting the Advent Wreath:

Laurie Barnhart  
Michelle Mensel



## December Services Calendar

- Sunday, Dec. 1**  
9:00 -10:00 a.m. Advent 1 -Lighting the Advent Wreath  
Candle of Hope  
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
The Rev. Salin Low, Celebrant
- SATURDAY, Dec 7**  
4:00 -5:00 p.m. Advent 2 -Lighting the Advent Wreath  
Candle of Peace  
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II with  
The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Rajcok of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
Pizza after the Service!
- Sunday, Dec 8**  
No Service No Church Service due to the Celebration of Advent 2 on  
Saturday
- Sunday, Dec 15**  
9:00 -10:00 a.m. Advent 3 -Lighting the Advent Wreath  
Candle of Joy  
Service of the Word, Rite II with  
Presider: Stan Moraski  
Homilist: Laurie Barnhart
- Sunday, Dec 22**  
9:00 -10:00 a.m. Advent 4 – Lighting the Advent Wreath  
Candle of Love  
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
The Rev. Salin Low, Celebrant
- TUESDAY, Dec 24**  
3:00 -4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 3:00 p.m.  
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
Celebrant: The Rev. Salin Low
- Wednesday, Dec 25**  
No Service The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Merry Christmas to you and your family and friends  
There is no church service today!
- Sunday, Dec 29**  
9:00 -10:00 a.m. A Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols  
Presider: Stan Moraski

## December Events Calendar

<b>Monday, Dec 2</b> 6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open, Betsy Jahne attending
<b>Tuesday, Dec 3</b> 8:00-11:00 a.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open, Deb Asaro attending
<b>Monday, Dec 8</b> 6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Canton Food Bank Open
<b>Tuesday, Dec 9</b> 8:00-11:00 a.m.	Canton Food Bank Open
<b>Wed, Dec 10</b> 7:00-8:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study with Rick Richardson Please call Rick (860) 205-7864 or email at RickRichardson@mac.com. to confirm Bible Study
<b>Mon, Dec 16</b> 6:00 -7:00 p.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open, Mimi McGill attending
<b>Tues, Dec 17</b> 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Canton Food Bank Open Miriam's Closet Open, Maryellen Prudhomme attending
<b>Dec 23 &amp; 24</b>	Canton Food Bank closed for Christmas Holiday
<b>Dec 30 &amp; 31</b>	Canton Food Bank Closed for New Year's Holiday

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