

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Collinsville, CT

December 15, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Service of The Word Rite II

The Third Sunday  
in Advent



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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."*

Please take this service leaflet with you when you leave.

## 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 15, 2024  
The Third Sunday in Advent  
Service of the Word, Rite II  
Presider: Stan Moraski  
Homilist: Laurie Barnhart

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

**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 Joy**

**Readers:** Mimi and David McGill

**Choir:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel, verse 5

## 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

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 Old Testament

## Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.  
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise and renown  
in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when  
I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised among all the  
peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

**The Psalm**    **Canticle 9**    **The First Song of Isaiah**    **Isaiah 12:2-6**

**Reader:** Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him  
and not be afraid.

**People:** For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure  
defense, and he will be my Savior.

**Reader:** Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

**People:** And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

**Reader:** Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

**People:** Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

**Reader:** Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

**People:** 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 New Testament

## Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**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.

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

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

**The Gospel**

**Luke 3:7-18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

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

**The Homily**

**Laurie Barnhart**

**Choir Anthem:** Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus,

Words: Janet Sullivan Whitaker

**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    O Lord, Hear my Prayer**

Words and Music: 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. We also pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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 the Middle East, 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 and conflicts 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 Offering

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

## Offertory Hymn

## Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers #68

Words: Laurentius Laurenti, Music: Llangloffan

1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch with expectation! at the midnight comes the cry.

2 See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;  
rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

3 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

## The Doxology

## 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 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      **Soon and Very Soon LEVAS #14**

Words and Music: Andrae Crouch

1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we are goin' to see the King!

2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we are goin' to see the King!

3 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we are goin' to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we're are goin' to see the King!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

## 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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***Christmas Flower Donations/Dedications are due in the office  
by the end of the day this Thursday, December 19, 2024 to  
be published in the December 24 bulletin.***



# 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.

Presider:	Stan Moraski
Homilist:	Laurie Barnhart
Reader:	Sharon Corthouts
Usher:	Sharon Corthouts
Altar Guild:	Marianne Amo and Ann Bierut
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director and the Trinity Choir

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Mimi and David McGill



Making Wreaths and Swags for  
The Greening of Trinity Church  
Thursday, December 19  
Time: Either 10 am or 1 pm

We are making wreaths and swags for the greening of the church on Thursday, December 19.

If you want to help, or have questions, please call Linda Burgess at 860-693-8470 or Deb Asaro at 860-416-1688 for the exact time. (Time is still being figured out, but it will be either 10 am or 1 pm)

If you have any greens to spare, we would appreciate it. To be specific, we need cedar, holly and white pine. We would prefer not to have balsam, as it does not hold up well indoors.

Thank you! *Deb Asaro*



The Greening of Trinity Church takes place  
on Sunday, December 22, 2024  
At 10:15 a.m.  
Right after the Service  
Please join us



## December Worship Services

- Sunday, Dec 15**      Advent 3 -Lighting the Advent Wreath  
**9:00 -10:00 a.m.**      Candle of Joy  
Service of the Word, Rite II  
Presider: Stan Moraski  
Homilist: Laurie Barnhart
- Thursday, Dec 19**      Making Wreaths and Swags  
**Time TBD**              for the Greening of the Church  
**See Flyer Prior Page**
- Sunday, Dec 22**      Advent 4 – Lighting the Advent Wreath  
**9:00 -10:00 a.m.**      Candle of Love  
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
The Rev. Salin Low, Celebrant
- Sunday, Dec 22**      The Greening of the Church  
**10:15 a.m.**              Hanging of Wreaths and Swags after  
Sunday Worship Service
- TUESDAY, DEC 24**      **Christmas Eve Service 3:00 p.m.**  
**3:00 -4:00 p.m.**      Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
Celebrant: The Rev. Salin Low
- Wednesday, Dec 25**      The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
**No Service**              Merry Christmas to you and your family and friends  
There is no church service today!
- Sunday, Dec 29**      A Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols  
**9:00 -10:00 a.m.**      Presider: Stan Moraski

## December Events Calendar

<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>Wed, Dec 18</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>Dec 24-25</b>	Canton Food Bank Closed due to Christmas Holiday
<b>Wed, Dec 25</b>	There will not be a Zoom Bible Study with Rick Richardson due to the Christmas holiday
<b>Dec 30-31</b>	Canton Food Bank Closed due to New Year's Holiday Miriam's Closet Closed due to New Year's Holiday
<b>Wed, Jan 1</b>	There will not be a Zoom Bible Study with Rick Richardson due to the New Year's Holiday



*Wishing you and your loved ones  
a  
Blessed Christmas*



*I will Praise Him Every Season  
Psalm 166: 2*

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